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# et month forecast as heavens open to greet Labour's reign

would deter gardeners from using hoses and sprinklers and therefore

years ago, as so much summer rain

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE MET OFFICE yesterday predicted 30 days of rain after the driest two-year period on record, and only three days before Michael Meacher, the new Environment Secretary, meets water companies for a drought crisis summit.

Although not quite a deluge of Old Testament proportions, the forecast could be an indication that

Labour governments are the true masters of weather. In 1976, after an exceptionally dry summer, the heavens opened within hours of Harold Wilson appointing Denis Howell Minister for Drought Forecasters predict wet conditions through to the end of May and best productions through to the end of May and best productions.

and beginning of June, particularly in southeast England, which has suffered most from lack of rain.
Thirty-day forecasts remain unreliable, but the weather chart for the

coming week looks very unsettled, with the potential for heavy rain across the whole country. Thundery showers could strike anywhere over the next two or three days; after that, further rain is likely to be concentrated in southern Britain. As a harbinger of the downpours to come, half an inch of rain fell in an hour in East Anglia yesterday morning.

help conserve the present low However, they said that even 30 days' worth would do little to recharge underground aquifers and boreholes to the levels of two

merely evaporates or is taken up by Water companies yesterday wel-comed the forecast, saying that it The past 25 months have been the driest such period in Britain for more than 200 years, and not since 1929 have the first four months of any year been as dry as 1997.

The year's first sprinkler bans have already been introduced in Guernsey and around Sutton in Surrey, in contrast to the north and west of England and Wales, where reservoir levels are much as they should be for the time of year.

The spectre of drought hangs over this year's Chelsea Flower Show, whose exhibitors were plan-

ning their displays long before the weathermen predicted an end to the prolonged dry spell. More than 20 exhibitors at the show, which opens next week, have adopted the theme of water conservation. Some will show how British gardens may have to be transformed to meet possible long-term climatic

changes. Among the teams of experts advising visitors on how to save their gardens will be a South

African Zulu healer who is an expert on drought-tolerant plants.
What the water companies need urgently, however, is a healer of eaks. When he meets them on Monday, Mr Meacher is expected to insist they do more to plug mains fractures, which lose an estimated billion gallons of water a day.

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#### Sinn Fein offered exploratory talks

# Blair takes gamble for Ulster peace

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

TONY BLAIR took a gamble. for peace in Northern Ireland yesterday when he offered ore an IRA ceaseirre.

In a speech which he had been preparing since well before the election, the Prime Minister told an audience in Belfast that his radical plan was "one further effort" to bring Sinn Fein into the full political process.

Hopes rose last night that Mr Blair may have kick-started the faltering peace talks when Sinn Fein announced that it would contact the Northern Ireland Office to make arrangements for the

Unionists also responded positively after Mr Blair offset his offer to Sinn Fein by saying that he thought it unlikely that here would be a united Ireand in his lifetime. In a Blair said he wanted Sinn Fein to join the multi-party talks at

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the IRA declared a ceasetire. "My message to Sinn Fein is clear," he said. "The settle-

ment train is leaving. I want you on that train. But it is leaving anyway, and I will not allow it to wait for you. You cannot hold the process to ransom any longer. So end the violence and end it now."

However, the Prime Minister said he would help the process by inviting Sinn Fein to their first talks with government officials in 15 months. The two sides, which are likely be led by Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, and Quentin Thomas, a senior NIO official. last met on February 26 1996, 17 days after the IRA ceasefire

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, wrote last night to Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, setting out the Government's offer of talks. She said that the meetings would not give enough time to allow Sinn Fein to join

Redwood to combine their

forces in opposition to the tax,

a centrepiece of the Labour

election manifesto, is the Con-

servative leadership's most ag-gressive act since it lost power.

Senior strategists decided

that with the press having a

field day reporting the leader-

ship election - particularly

the dispute between Ann

Widdecombe and Mr Howard

- it was time to show that

there were serious issues unit-

ing the party. The letter is confirmation that once the

leadership election is over, the

Tories plan an outright

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assault on the tax.

Tory rivals unite

over windfall tax

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

HE six contenders for the ard, Peter Lilley and John

they would be excluded until the separate multi-party talks when they resume at Stormont on June 3.

Mr Blair warned Sinn Fein that there would be no negotiations over the terms of an IRA ceasefire at the meeting and that Sinn Fein would be challenged to prove that republicans want peace.

"If they are, I will not be slow in my response," he said. "If they are not, they can expect no sympathy or understanding. I will be implacable in pursuit of terrorism."

The Prime Minister's remarks made clear that if the IRA declared a genuine ceasefire he was likely to waste little time in inviting Sinn Fein to the multi-party talks. His response would contrast with John Major, who faced a barrage of criticism from nationalists when he waited three months after the 1994 IRA ceasefire before allowing Sinn Fein to join "exploratory talks" with officials.

It also emerged last night that Mr Blair ensured that his speech received a favourable speech received a lavourable reception by giving a wide spectrum of political leaders advance notice of his plans. The Prime Minister telephoned John Major on Thursday night to go through his speech, while Dr Mowlam had a chat with Sir Patrick Maybey her predecesor.

Mayhew, her predecessor. She also spoke to David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, and to John Hume, the SDLP leader. However, she was unable to contact the Reverend lan Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, who was the only senior political figure to react unfavourably to Mr

Blair's speech. Government sources said last night that Mr Blair was taking a bold approach to Northern Ireland because he believed that Labour's victory had created an opportunity to breathe fresh life into the

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Nova Hughes, who made an appeal because she believes her attacker will strike again

# Kidnap victim recalls her 40 minutes of 'pure terror'

By RICHARD DUCE

arrested in connection with

that attack and police cannot

yet say whether the two inci-

Miss Hughes's ordeal

began last Saturday during a shopping trip to west London.

At about 1.30pm she returned

to the Shepherd's Bush Green

NCP car park where she was

attacked from behind by a oft-

tall black man she had noticed

lottering. Miss Hughes, who

is 5ft Zin, told a press confer-ence at Hammersmith police

station: "There was a hand on

dents are linked.

A KIDNAP victim yesterday described 40 minutes of "pure terror" after she was held at knifepoint and bundled into the boot of her car. Nova Hughes, 24, decided to make a public appeal for

information about the abduction and robbery in the belief that her attacker still poses a serious threat to other women. Miss Hughes, a trainee buyer with Marks & Spencer, said the man was so calm she

believed he could strike again. She delivered a warning to other women: "I thought it would never happen to me and it has. Just be more careful when you are out." She made her appeal on the

same day that police in my mouth and a knife by my London disclosed that there throat. A guy said 'I have got a knife, I want the money.
"I put my hands down. He had been a similar attack on another lone woman on Thursday night. A man was

got behind me and he told me to get into the boot. I told him I didn't want to, but he forced me in. My first thoughts were pure terror. I thought I was going to faint. I started to shout and scream but no-one heard me," she said.

Miss Hughes was forced to hand over her handbag and the security number for her bank card. I gave him my handbag and said Take it. He bundled me in the boot and locked it."

"I think he has done it Continued on page 2, col I

of External Affairs, said: "When these

tickets come to light, we can trace them

back. We are prepared to impose hefty

# FA Cup final broadcast will reach a billion homes

BY JOHN GOODBODY the Times on the internet SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A RECORD 148 countries will be watching the FA Cup final live on television today in a match which is the biggest domestic money-spinning

event in British sport. The presence of many international stars, such as the Brazilian Juninho of Middlesbrough and the Italian Gianfranco Zola of Chelsea, has sent

black market prices for £35 seats soaring to more than £800. Michael Bucks of CSI, which sells

the international television rights, said yesterday: "We are expecting the match to be going to one billion homes around the world. This is partly because of the international stars playing but also because of the rising

profile of English football." Tony Blair will be at Wembley as will John Major and Tony Banks, the

Minister for Sport, who are both Chelsea supporters. Gate receipts from the 76,000 sell-out crowd, including 25,500 followers of each club, will total £2.5 million. Recent legislation prohibiting the resale of tickets above 10 per cent of their face value has increased

the pressure on ticket touts. The Football Association has once again mounted an undercover operation to frustrate people selling seats for profit. David Davies, the FA's director

fines and even bans on people getting tickets in future. We have done this in the past and will continue to do so." The game will be the last televised by the BBC, which has covered the event

every year since 1938. From next season, ITV will be screening it.

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#### Mobutu Alcopops face

#### out of power in Zaire

forced

FROM DAVID ORR IN KINSHASA

PRESIDENT Mobutu of Zaire yesterday lost his grip on power after 32 years of autocratic rule. His corrupt regime was on the point of collapse last night after his hasty departure from the besieged capital of Kinshasa.

The President reigns but he doesn't govern," Kin-Kiey Mulumba, the Zairean Information Minister, told a press conference in the capital. The President has ceased to play any role in state affairs. It is now up to the Government to conduct the nation's affairs.' President Mobutu, who has

flown to his jungle retreat in northern Zaire, has been given until Monday to resign. The ultimatum was issued by Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader whose forces are poised to seize Kinshasa.

Speculation mounted in the capital that President Mobutu has gone for good. Sources indicated that from his ancestral village of Gbadolite he will fly to Morocco.

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# IN BRIEF

strict controls Alcopop drinks, which are consumed by a growing number of teenagers, are

to be investigated.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, warned the drinks industry that unless it acted quickly he would introduce measures to control the advertising, marketing and even the content of these alcoholic sweet drinks ..........Page 2

#### Post Office to halt closures

The Government looks set to give the Post Office new commercial freedoms in a reverse of Conservative plans to privatise the Royal Mail. It announced a review of the options and halted the PO's closure of Crown post offices in town

#### German gold plan attacked

Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, faced an angry parliamentary debate criticising his plan to raise the value of Bundesbank gold to keep Germany on course for EMU. Bild newspaper described the proposal as witchcraft ...... Pages 19, 23



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**PLUS:** 

Why Marks and Sparks is out of fashion

Kidnapping terror

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withdraw £200 in cash.

before. When I panicked he

told me to calm down. I think he could do it again."

During the next 40 minutes

the man drove around the car

park several times before going to a shopping centre to

"He started the car. I could

see daylight through a crack

in the boot. Then he stopped.

opened the boot and told me to

write down my my cash card

Pin number. He disappeared,

I waited about ten minutes. I

nanicked, I started banging on

the boot and shouting and

screaming. Then I heard foot-

steps and it was him coming

back. I begged him to let me

She lied, telling her attacker

she was claustrophobic, and

persuaded him to leave the

boot unlocked on condition

that she did not try to raise the

alarm until he had escaped.

Miss Hughes said: "I left it

two minutes then climbed out.

The car was still inside the

NCP. I found an attendant

who called the police. Then I

fered a £5,000 reward for

information leading to the

arrest of the woman's attacker

and it has promised a review

Thursday, took place near

Hampstead Underground sta-

tion, in north London, A

woman aged 54 was attacked

car park in Camden.

the police last night.

The second incident, on

of the security at the car park.

The NCP company has of-

burst into tears."

**FA CUP** 

Verdicts from Oliver Holt,

Rob Hughes, Steve

McManaman

and Lynne Truss

no sympathy

lished yesterday.
A survey by the Samaritans reveals more than one in three young people remain either ignorant or insensitive to the dangers of depression. Although 29 per cent of the 500 under-25s surveyed knew of someone who had killed themselves — lo per cent had lost someone close, such as a friend or family member - 37 per cent agreed that depressed people should "pull them-selves together." Among adults that figure fell to 27 per

#### PCs cleared

Paul Bignall and Victoria Parker, two police constables. were deared of using police computers to check on the boyfriend of Mr Bignall's wife. The PCs, who had been having an affair, were fined £50 each under the 1990 Computer Misuse Act, but the High Court ruled they had been prosecuted under the wrong Act.

#### Raped in van

A young woman was raped by three men who dragged her into their van as she walked along a street in broad day-light. The 28-year-old victim was pulled into the white transit van as she waited tocross a road at a roundahout near her home in Avlesbury. Buckinghamshire, driven to a quiet country lane and

#### Phone tragedy

A woman driving to her boyfriend in Peterbomugh called from her mobile phone to say she was five minutes away. When she failed to arrive he rang back, and was answered by a policeman who said that Tracy Hackman, 23, of Bristol had collapsed and crashed. She died from internal bleeding caused by chronic gastritis, an inquest heard,

#### School destroyed

A fire that destroyed a secondary school and damaged a further education centre day have been started deliberate ly, police believe. The blaze at the Abraham Moss Centre in Crumpsall, Manchester, started shortly after security staff were attacked by youths who threw slabs of concrete and other missiles at their caravan.

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#### Suit suit lost

Lenny Lottery, the former lottery correspondent of The Sun who last week defected to the Mirror, lost the right to his trademark white suit with red lottery balls in the High Court. The dispute was re-solved when Mr. Justice Newberger awarded the suit to The Sun, which had said the suit was supplied for Lenny Lottery's work



A story headline Defeated Tories rent their homes to Labour MPs" (May 10) incorrectly stated that Mrs Teresa Gorman MP had relet her house in Lord North Street. Mrs Gorman still fives there and has not rented it out since the election :::

# Straw orders urgent inquiry into the alcopops industry

CHIEF POLITICAL

THE Home Secretary ordered an urgent investigation yester-

ing of alcopop drinks. Jack Straw also told the drinks industry that unless it acted quickly he would introduce measures to control the advertising, marketing and even the content of the drinks, which are popular with young people. He said the Govern-ment was deeply concerned about the issues surrounding the sale of the drinks.

The move comes a day after producers of alcopop were condemned as grossly irresponsible by a judge after he heard that a 14-year-old boy became drunk on alcoholic lemonade and cider, and then burnt down a school.

it also follows the publication of a survey yesterday claiming that more than half of teenagers consume alcopop drinks — which have an average alcohol content of 5 per cent. This is about the same alcoholic strength as most continental lagers but stronger than most English beers. The alcoholic content in wine is about 11 to 12 per cent.

Mr Straw is particularly concerned that the drinks are often marketed to appeal to those under 18, sometimes with the use of cartoon characters and drug-related images. Alcopops abuse is a real concern," he said. "We all know the links between alcohol abuse and crime. Everything must be done to stop young people falling into a downward spiral of offendine."

The Portman Group, which s funded by the drinks industry, has drawn up a code of practice to stop abuses in advertising and marketing.



Some of the alcopop range: it began with a farmer who decided to make a brew from his lemon crop

# Brewers deny any guilt in £265m trade

tured by Beverage Brands. The original

alcopop brand was Two Dogs, which was invented by an Australian farmer

who decided to turn the lemons in his

Last night, the row over alcopops

appeared to have dented Bass's share

price, which closed 13p down at 816p.

However, shares in Marstons, which

produces Mog and Rapido, remained

unchanged, as did Merrydown, the

orchard into a brew.

By CHRIS AYRES

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MOST major brewers now produce sweet alcoholic drinks for the alcopops market, estimated to be worth more than £265 million in sales each year.

Bass produces two-thirds of all alcopops, including brands such as Hooper's Hooch and Red, which earn the company about £180 million. Other popular brands include Shott's, produced by Whitbread, Two Dogs from Merrydown, and Woody's, manufac-

did not keep to the code, the

Government would have to

intervene. The group has sug-

gested that retailers should de-

list code violators; that generic

soft drink names such as

lemonade and cola should be

banned on alcoholic products;

that packaging, names and

labels should not suggest ac-

ceptance of illicit drugs and

maker of Two Dogs. Bass was the first company to respond to Mr Straw's should not be shown on bottles and cans. Some of the proposals would need backing from the Office of Fair Trading. Home office officials said that Mr Straw would back these

moves but that further action

might have to be taken if under age abuse continued. Mr Straw and George Howarth, the Licensing Minwith the drinks industry to make them act quickly. Responsibility for regulating alcoholic lemonade drinks falls between several government departments including the Home Office, the Department of Trade and Industry

and the Ministry of Agricul-

ture, Fisheries and Food. The Portman Group said posed measures should be self regulated by the industry. The organisation said: "We share the Government's concern over misuse of alcohol by young people and recognise public attention is being

work closely with the Home

Office to tackle underage alco-

hol misuse but said the pro-

attack, saying: "There is no consistent

objective evidence that under-age drink-

ing has increased since 'alcopops' were

lauched, nor that any under-age drinker

would stop consuming alcohol if 'alcopops' did not exist."

Other brewers and drinks include

Carlsberg-Tetley - Lemonhead. Orangehead. Vault, Colt/Merrydown -

Barker's Liquid Gold: Scottish Courage

- Sub Zero: Halewood International -

Memphis Mist, Lanchester Group

Lemon Lips, Cola Lips.

# Report says drinks are enticing 11-year-olds

By Dominic Kennedy

ALCOPOPS are enticing children as young as II to drink alcohol. An drinks such as beers, wines and spirits unpublished study by the Centre for to alcopops in the 18 months since they Substance Abuse Research in Swansea of 1.235 children aged 11-16 discovered that 29 per cent of 11-year-olds had drunk alcohol at least once a week in the previous three months. Of those, 64 per cent said their lavourite drink was an alcoholic lemonade of cola.

The figures are the provisional results of a survey of pupils from two schools in Plymouth and two in

London. An earlier study by the same 16-year-old drinkers. They are more quickly these have taken off in the last team showed that 57 per cent of underaged drinkers had switched from became widely available.

The new data shows that 55 per cent of all children aged 11-10 are regular drinkers of alcohol, rising to 71 per cent of 16-year-olds. Alcopops decline in popularity as the children grow older. They are the favourite drink of at least half of children who are regular drinkers of alcohol up to the age of 15 but the first choice of only 40 per cent of

popular with girls, 60 per cent of whom named them as their preferred drink. against 42 per cent of boys.

Substance Abuse Research, said police and probation officers were now identifying alcopous, which made profits of £280 million last year, as more of a problem than drugs among children. The alcohol industry keeps saying they are targeting over-l8s. It is common knowledge that it is mainly under-aged drinkers using these things. Our research has shown how

18 months," he said. Alcopops were often much stronger

than traditional drinks, children were Ian Sutherland, of the Centre of able to drink them without realising they were having alcohol, and they were also easy on the palate, encouraging under aged drinkers. You can see these drinks are targeted at kids." Mr Sutherland said.

The bottles are designed with weird and wacky colours which children favour. Even if they are not directly targeting children, it's the children who are picking up on it."

# Government to review ban on gays in Armed Forces

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is set to review the ban on homosexuals serving in the Armed

by a man with a knife who forced her into the boot of her The Ministry of Defence has been told in a memorancar, took her credit cards and made her reveal her cash card dum from the policy unit at number. The man drove Downing Street that the issue around in her car and finally has to be addressed. Confirlet her go 80 minutes later at a mation that the new Government might lift the ban fol-At 12.30am yesterday the car lowed a statement by Jack was stopped in Moorgate and Straw, the Home Secretary. the driver was arrested by an during the election campaign, armed response vehicle on that people should not be dispatrol in the City. A man, aged charged from the Services for 29, was being interviewed by homosexuality. He said: "We pledge a free vote and we will

consult with the military on how to implement change. The memorandum from

No 10. signed by Liz Lloyd, a member of the policy unit and dated May 6. says: "The Govcrnment will form a view on the weight of evidence, taking into account the UK's laws. the views of the European

Court and the Armed Forces." The memo also promises a study of the findings of an extensive report into the issue carried out last year by the MoD. The Ministry circulated a questionnaire to hundreds of servicemen and women; the majority rejected any change in policy.

Last night, an MoD spokesman confirmed that there was now a new attitude. After reviewing the whole question, the Government would seek to "establish a way forward", the MoD spokesman said.

Although the review was welcomed by Stonewall, the pressure group for gay and lesbian rights, a spokeswoman expressed concern that three of the new defence ministers had voted against lifting the ban on homosexuality in the Armed Forces following an amendment proposed last year to the Armed Forces Bill "We're not sure about the views of George Robertson [the new Defence Secretaryj," she added.

#### Tate's centenary celebrations start

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Tate Gallery today begins a season of exhibitions. publications and events to relebrate its centenary and point the way towards its

As media sponsor. The Times will keep readers informed of the special events and highlights of Tate 100. which begins with the 1997 Centenary Displays. These feature a large number of masterpieces held at the Tate, from Stubbs and Gainsborough to Matisse and

Henry Tate's Gift, which begins in July, is an exploration of the gallery's founda-tion and includes paintings which were part of his original gift to the nation.

Other events include The Age of Rossetti. Burne-Jones and Watts, which explores the connections between British and continental European painting and sculputre between 1860 and 1910.

A centenary gala will help to raise funds towards the creation of the Tate's new galleries in London, and Centenary Day, on July 21, will be a family day and public celebration of the opening in

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at all other times). And find out what makes

IN SPITE of the Met Office's longrange forecast of a summer monsoon, particularly in the South-East, the spectre of drought hangs over this year's Chelsea Flower Show. Exhibitors are competing to create gardens that can survive almost desert conditions.

A Zulu healer, who is an expert on drought-tolerant plants, will be among those advising visitors how

driest start to the year since 1929, more than 20 exhibitors at the Royal Horticultural Society's show, which opens next week, have adopted the theme of water conservation. Some will show how British gardens may have to be trans-formed to meet possible long-term climatic changes.

Pershore College of Horticulture in Hereford and Worcester is mounting an exhibition called

Edmonds, a landscape lecturer at the college, said: "We will be telling visitors how to water their gardens carefully and which plants to choose that can survive drought. People are buying more and more plants that need less and less water. We are entering the great unknown where we don't know how much

water we are going to get."
Simon Shire, who was putting the finishing touches to his Garden

for Dry Seasons in the showground yesterday, said: "It is now increasingly important to find plants that can survive both severe English winters and drought."

He has filled the garden with hardy Mediterranean herbs. shrubs and trees such as eucalyptus and olive. To start with I decided to go without a lawn and put decking down for the main walking areas. People are very concerned about the long-term

organisation Wateraid, which tackles drought in Africa and Asia, is bringing to life an African kitchen garden that relies solely on a hand pump connected to deep tube wells.

Ingeniously, the Age Concern Garden of Life is meeting the gardener's twin nightmares of low rainfall and water-use bans with a configuration of moss and cobbles to create the illusion of a stream.

traditional doctor in the foothills of the Drakensberg mountains of KwaZulu-Natal, will be at the stand of the National Botanical Institute of South Africa to share his knowledge of his country's

medical plants. Water is precious in Southern Africa, and little, if any is spent on watering herbs. Accordingly most plants in healers gardens are drought-tolerant, and possess suc-

them through the worst of the dry periods, a spokesman for the

The Chelsea Flower Show opens on Tuesday for RHS members. Public tickets. for Thursday and Friday. must be booked in advance. Tel: 0171-341-1343

Gardening. Weekend section

# People who live in glass houses see the supplier jailed

A MIDDLE-AGED couple simply wanted a conservatory on their semi-detached house, but their home improvement project finished yesterday with everyone living at new addresses. The couple fled their home in fear after receiving threats for challenging the bill, and last night their supplier was discovering life in a

Stephen Thoms, 39, had three times raised the cost of installing the conservatory at Stanley, Co Durham. When his dissatisfied customers, Barry and Heather Rutherford, refused to pay the final instalment, he threatened to send in the "hard men" to deal with them. He boasted: "No police or court in the land will stop me, I am a law unto

At Durham Crown Court, other dissastisfied customers watched as he was jailed for three months for demanding money with menaces. He also faces a contempt of court action for mouthing abuse at the customers in court.

It also emerged that Thoms had allegedly threatened lawyers handling a civil claim brought by the Rutherfords. In a letter to them, he suggested: "You are playing a very

dangerous game. The couple had agreed a £3,370 fee with Thoms's firm Oakwood Conservatories, based in a Newcastie upon Tyne garden centre. After signing the contract, Thoms claimed the cost of the job had risen and asked

for more money.

The couple said they would not pay until the job was completed to their satisfaction. He wrote to them saying: "My advice is to pay for the extra and do not treat me as a soft touch. As others have found out to their cost, I'm not blowing off steam, I'm deadly

Mrs Rutherford told the



Thoms: threatened to send "hard men"

court: "Mr Thoms rang our house and spoke to my hus-band. He told him if he did not pay the extra money he had ways of dealing with him. He said he had his own private firm of bailiffs and had hard men who he would send round to deal with a bastard

like my husband. Thoms also threatened to break up the conservatory and told my husband he'd have to watch his back or he would be dealt with if he did not pay this extra money.

"In all we paid him £3,714. It was when he came back demanding more that we complained. He was so forceful we thought if we paid he would bump the price up again. The job was never properly

Thoms tried to claim this was "over-vigilant debt collec-tion" but Mr Recorder John Muir told him: : "What hap-pened here was quite deplorable. Such was the fear that you induced into Mrs Rutherford's mind, she had no alternative but to leave that house that had been purchased shortly before. She was frightened for herself and her children."

The couple have since sold

uncaring person". "He would

become physically very violent

the girls, Janette, who was

twenty years younger than him and although they had two children their marriage

was punctuated by a series of

violent assaults by Heyworth.

She left him on New Year's Day 1995 after Heyworth beat

her during an argument and

moved into her sister's home.

Mr Neil said "Years of violent

domination had almost bro-

ken Janette but Beverley gave

her the strength to continue

her life. He hated Beverley for

to keep his dominant role".



Cub scouts framing a 170ft x 80ft map of Great Britain at Olympia west London, yesterday. Ordnance Survey provided 1,200 regional maps which 500 cubs have been assembling since February

# Forget the dresses even the brochure will cost you £1,250

A BROCHURE signed by Diana, Princess of Wales, for an auction of her dresses goes on sale today for

The purple leather-bound vol-ume, believed to be the most expen-sive catalogue ever produced by an auction house, contains colour pic-tures of the 80 outfits to be sold by Christie's in New York on June 25. The Princess has posed in six outfits for photographs by Lord Snowdon but most of the pictures were taken previously by press photographers. A spokeswoman for Christie's said that there were 250 limited editions of the catalogue available, of which 91 have been reserved.

For those of more modest means, a canvas-bound catalogue is available at El60 and a paperback edition costs £35. Christie's has received almost £350,000 from pre-bookings for all three catalogue

The auction, which is expected to raise £4 million, was the idea of Prince William, who suggested selling the dresses to make money for charity and create some space in his mother's overcrowded wardrobes. The proceeds will go to two of the

Princess's favourite charities: the Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund and the Aids Crisis Trust. Most of the dresses were created

by British designers between 1981 and 1996. Among the designers are Victor Edelstein, Norman Hartnell, Zandra Rhodes, Bruce Oldfield, and David and Elizabeth Emman uel. The Princess's wedding dress the Emmanuels' most famous commission - is not included in the



A Catherine Walker ball dress among the collection

Many of the outfits are by Cather-ine Walker, who made a long dress of lilac silk with beaded bodice which the Princess first wore at a gala celebrating 40 years of the Queen's reign. The dress, which cost the Princess £2,200, is expected to fetch at least £150,000. Another Walker on sale is a white embroidered crepe evening dress with a high-collared bolero jacket which the Princess first wore to the British Fashion Awards in 1989, It cost £3,500 and is expected to fetch

There is no formal reserve price on any of the dresses, which range from size 8 to 12.

# cleared. of cyclist's

By TIM JONES

THE widow of a cyclist ran sobbing from court yesterday after a judge ordered a jury to clear a bus driver who had crushed her husband beneath the wheels of his vehicle.

The jury was told that because of conflicting evidence it would not be safe to convict the driver of causing death by dangerous driving. Later Jane Waldron, a mother of two, was

too distraught to speak. Russell Waldron, 35, died after being involved in an alleged road rage intrident with Walton Christie, the bus driver, during an evening rush hour last May. Witnesses had told Knights

bridge Crown Court said that Mr Christie, 54, from Enfield, north London, had sworn at Mr Waldron for overtaking him on the outside and that he had driven as close as he could to intimidate him before colliding with the rear wheel of the bicycle. Seconds later, the court was told, Mr Waldron. from Forest Hill, southeast London, had disappeared under the wheels of the bus. Mr Christie had called for an ambulance but Mr Waldron

had died instantly. Mr Christie, who denied causing death by dangerous driving said he had braked as soon as Mr Waldron overtook him and insisted that the cyclist had been alongside his bus when he fell beneath it.

Judge Richard Walker said some witnesses had spoken of Mr Waldron moving into the path of the bus as it drove along Waterloo Bridge. Others, he said, had not

# Bus driver | Revenge arsonist who killed four children gets life

By A STAFF REPORTER as "an evil, domineering and

A BUSINESSMAN was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for murdering four of his nephews and nieces in an arson attack.

Fred Heyworth, 59, had wanted revenge on his estranged wife Janette and her sister, to whom she fled to escape his violent rages, Win-chester Crown Court had heard. He had never shown any remorse and remained obsessed by Janette's desertion. Heyworth told his son, Rob Neil, during a prison visit that Janette, was his intended target. She was lucky. I was going to kill her that night".

Instead after attending a social evening with fellow freemasons in Southampton he poured petrol through the letterbox of his sister-in-law's house where his wife had been staying. He knew that his young nephews and nieces were asleep upstairs.

Terry Good, 12, Alison, 10, Nicola, 8 and Patrick, 6, died in their beds. Mrs Justice Steel told Heyworth: "What evil brainstorm prompted you to act as you did we shall never

He was also found guilty of the attempted murders of the children's parents, Beverley and Melvyn Good and their eldest child Kelly, 14. He had denied all the charges. Heyworth's son said that he

deliberately picked his sisterin-law's house because she was the one woman in his life that he could not dominate. His first wife left him after years of violent abuse and Mr Neil, 33, described his father

#### £200 fine for beastly behaviour in beauty shop

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN ASSISTANT at an exclusive fashion store attacked a beauty therapist after complaining that her eyebrows and lashes had been dyed too

Heyworth, who had been adopted by a wealthy Manchester family and went Lisa Branch, 26, pinned Louise-Marie Sullivan against on to found own successful a wall and punched her reprinting business, enjoyed a peatedly. Yesterday she was fined £200 at Horseferry string of affairs with young girls who were part of a marching band that he formed in Southampton. Road Magistrates's Court, London, after admitting common assault. In 1979 he married one of

The attack took place at the Louise-Marie Clinic in Knightsbridge at lunchtime on December 19. Robin Nelson, for the prosecution, told the magistrates that Branch had had her eyebrows and lashes tinted at the salon the previous day. She returned on the 19th, complaining that the lashes were not dark enough but seemed happy when Miss Sullivan told her she would redo them the following Monday at no cost. Later that day Branch returned demanding

that the work be done then. She started pushing Miss Sullivan in the chest with her finger. The victim told her she would give her her money

Branch followed Miss Sullivan when she went to get money from her handbag. Miss Sullivan was pinned to the wall and she saw the defendant's clenched right fist coming towards her face in a big swing movement." Branch, who worked for

Nicole Farhi in Sloane Street, told the court: "She slammed the door in my face and it hit me on the head." Heyworth: "an evil and domineering man"



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# . Speeding driver 'lassoed spy camera'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SPEEDING motorist who realised that he had been caught on a police a camera leapt from his car, lassoed the camera, tied the rope to his bumper and drove off, according to police.

They have charged a 19-year-old,

whom they would not name, with causing £20,000 criminal damage. He will appear in court next month. Police allege that the youth had been speeding on a 30mph road in Weston-super-Mare, North West Somerset, last week. A spokesman for Avon and Somerset police said: Drivers may not care for our cameras but we cannot tolerate them taking the law into their own hands." Motoring organisations believe that road cameras are becoming a focus for road rage. Adrian Ruck, an AA

spokesman, said: "Frustrated drivers are increasingly venting their anger on speed cameras. But whatever they do has already been caught on film for prosecution and there is no point in causing

needless and costly damage."

Drivers have sprayed lenses with paint, covered cameras with tarpaulin or dustbin liners and pointing them in the wrong direction. Some have tried to steal the film. The AA said the latest allegation was the first case it had heard of where the entire camera unit had been stolen. Local authorities are concerned at the increased costs of repairing damaged equipment. Already this year in the West Country cameras have been damaged at Cleeve, near Bristol, and Lyng, near Taunton. In March a motorist built a bonfire of car tyres and set alight a camera on the A37 at Guruey Slade near

North Somerset District Council, said: "I'm horrified that anyone should want to damage these cameras, which are designed to save lives." Civic chiefs are offering a £250 reward for information leading to the conviction of camera

The AA said: "Most culprits lash out at the end of a long journey or after being stuck in traffic jams. The last thing they want to see is a flash in their rearview mirror as they drive past. We have had motorists trying to prise the film out and others who have sprayed the lens with

"In general we support speed cameras as long as they are located at genuine blackspots. We don't want to see Britain's roadsides and hedgerows bristling with cameras just to boost government



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# Desert Classic founder arrested at height of breach of contract claim against PGA

return he was arrested. Mr

Rea said: "Needless to say, it is

extremely difficult for him to

continue to pursue the High

Court litigation from a Dubai prison and if he is still there by

the trial date in December, he

won't of course be able to give

have failed after meeting a series of obstacles put up by the Dubai authorities, Mr Rea

maintains. He said that in his

view, Mr Atkinson's detention

was linked with his legal

action and his claim that the

PGA Tour "conspired with the

Repeated bail applications

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# Golf promoter held in Dubai without charge

THE Foreign Office has been asked to intervene over a British businessman being held in prison in Dubai, with no reasons given nor charges laid. George Atkinson, 45, who organised and promoted the Professional Golfers' Association European Tour tournament, the Desert Classic, has been held for II weeks.

Mr Atkinson was arrested on March I while visiting the Desert Classic as a tourist and, despite pressure from the British Embassy in Dubai. has not been told how long he will be held, or on what charge in Dubai it is legal to someone indefinitely. The authorities say they are continuing investigations.

His lawyers in London. Dawson & Co. believe the reason for his arrest is a dispute - now the centre of a £4 million breach-of-contract claim by Mr Atkinson at the High Court in London — over the promotion rights to the rt Classic.

Mr Atkinson's wife Helene, 49. and her two teenage daughters are distraught. She said: "We are devastated. I find the whole faing absolute ly amazing. George is a strong man, a fighter, a very respect-ed man, but when I spoke to him the other day he did not sound too good."

She said that publicity for his case was their chief hope of some action, even though the Foreign Office has given warning that media coverage could be damaging for his case. "We lived for a long time in Dubai and it was a lovely place, especially to bring up



Dubai for ten years

thought anything like this could happen." Mrs Afkinson

The dispute over the Desert Classic arose in 1992 when the Dubai Government sought to take over the promotion rights, then held by Mr Askin-son's company. Karl Litten (Overseas) Ltd., under a renewable contract with the PGA European Tour The tournament was played on a multimillion-pound golf course which Mr Afkinson designed and built. In the mid-1980s, it was the only grass

ledge, before the latter's contracts were terminated. 1989 and it quickly became one

It was at a "particularly critical stage of the legal proceedings", with KLO seek-ing the disclosure of docuof the big events in the professional golf world. In 1992 the Dubai Government approached Mr Atkinson with ments and the Tour seeking £400,000 be paid into court by view to taking over the tournament's organisation Mr Atkinson as a security for costs, that Mr Atkinson decidand promotion but he declined ed to visit Dubai in February. the terms of sale offered. According to Matthew Rea, Just before he was due to

Mr Afkinson's solicitor, there was a series of abrupt terminations of contracts", which in effect cut KLO out of the organisation of the tour. Within days, the PGA European Tour entered "a separate and identical agreement for the organisation and promotion" of the Desert Classic, "with the Government-owned Dubai World Trade Centre".

Mr Atkinson left Dubai in December 1993, after ten years, and shortly afterwards his company launched pro-ceedings against the PGA European Tour for loss of profits estimated at £4 million. Documents disclosed in the

Government of Dubai" which "could be embarassing". run-up to the case reveal that The PGA European Tour, the Tour was in discussion vhich is strongly resisting Mr with the Dubai Government Atkinson's claim, argues that it was told by the Dubai Government that Mr Atkinson was unable to perform his contract with the Tour.

John Magnin, of Nicholson Graham & Jones, solicitor to the PGA, said: "Our position is that we are defending this case robustly and will continue to so so. So far as Mr Atkinson is concerned, we don't have a view as to his present predicament and have no special knowledge of the reasons for it. The Dubai Embassy said it

had no knowledge of Mr



#### Mr Racing reaches end of his course

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

AFTER being accused of rude ness and arrogance, John Jenyns acted like a gentleman yesterday and resigned as a steward at York racecourse.

The swift decision came after his position as chairman of the panel of stewards was regarded as untenable because of the way he treated two television executives at the racecourse this week. Mr Jenyns ordered John Fairley. a former managing director of Yorkshire Television, and Andrew Franklin, producer of Channel 4 racing to stand throughout a half-hour meeting and Mr Fairley was told to take his hand out of his pocket. A statement from the race-course said: "Following the conclusion of the May race meeting. Mr John Jenyns of-

fered his resignation as a member of the stewards panel at York and this has been accepted by the race committee. The committee wishes to thank Mr Jenyns for his valued services as a steward over the past 15 years." Mr Jenyns, 52, known as York's Mr Racing, is also a steward at Pontefract and

Redcar. Both racecourses were discussing his future last night. The Jockey Club, which is ultimately responsible for the integrity of the sport, will be hoping he stands down from both courses. "If he does not jump, he will be pushed, one insider said yesterday.

It is rare for racing's conservative establishment to disown one of its members with such alacrity, but the way he treated the television executives was regarded as beyond the pale by the vast majority of racing's rulers.

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### New chief of Opera House sought board's full backing

The Dubai golf course that Mr Atkinson built

Ms McIntesh. I know for a

THE new head of the Royal -Opera House yesterday rejected any suggestion that her predecessor had left bécause of a dispute, and welcomed the fabulous opportunity to

after the unexpected resigna-tion of Genista McIntush. A statement issued carrier this week said that Ms McIntosh had resigned due to ill health. Ms Allen dismissed as Thorn sense the suggestion that Floringe Secretary, has there had been disagreement a ordered tragent talks about the

fact that that's not true. I was thrilled when she got the job. Lord Chadlington said how brilliant she's been and how he wanted her to stay."

that she had insisted on getneeded time to think about taking the position after Ms McIntosh resigned just four months into the job. Chris Smith, the National

between Lord Chadingster Tourse the House, Mr Smith chairman of the House, and the House are the passivances over the

£214 million redevelopment of the Covent Garden site.

Ms Allen said that Lord Chadlington had told her of Ms McIntosh's illness a fortnight ago. They later met again departure; he invited Ms Allen to take up the post. "I thought for a day or two and wrote a letter to him saying. 'I'm only prepared to go to the Opera House if the whole board is really emhusiastic." She was given that assurance and of-

ered the job early this week. The House is making 320 people redundant from July, when its Covent Garden home closes for two-and-a-half years for the redevelopment.



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# Jodie the lone star



of Hollywood's most successful figures, lives alone behind razor wire and laser alarms. It's not just fear of stalkers such as John Hinckley who shot President Reagan - says her brother Buddy, but the warped influence of her powerful mother 🤊

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Britain's biggest prehistoric trail goes on show

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# Huge dinosaur footprints lead back 145 million years

By Kathryn Knight

DINOSAURS that trod Britain 145 million years ago walked back into the public's imagination yesterday when their huge footprints went on

The 52 prints, the largest

series found in Britain, are believed to have been made by a family group of Diplodocus or Brachiosaurus as they grazed on tree tops. The biggest is 1.13 metres (44 in) wide. They were uncovered by the

leaseholder of a Dorset quarry as he excavated for Purbeck limestone. Kevin Keates had no idea what the indentations were until a scientist friend strolling through the quarry at Worth Maltravers spotted them and alerted experts.

The rest of the site is being

excavated to see if more prints are there and it is likely to become a National Heritage site. Josephine Wright, a palaeontologist from Bristol University who is leading the excavation, said that the shape and size of the prints showed

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they were made by Sauropods. four-footed vegetarian dinosaurs, and were the first proof that the species had lived "No other dinosaurs could

have made prints this shape," Dr Wright said. "You've got big, deep, round ones which belong to the back legs, and semi-circular, smaller and shallower prints which were left by the dinosaurs' forefeet. It's very exciting, because although we suspected we had Sauropods here, we've never had any proof." Excavation has also revealed a long tail-

The enormous prints are likely to have been left by up to ten dinosaurs, possibly an extended family, as they roamed for food. These dinosaurs lived in the cretaceous period between 145 and 140 million years ago." Dr Wright

"From what we've seen so far, these Sauropods were about eight metres [26 feet]

high and 15 metres [49 feet] long, and would have weighed about 30 tonnes. At that time, the landscape here was coastal. The dinosaurs would be walking along the shore of a coastal lagoon with a forest on one side, with huge fern trees. horsetails, and possibly some conifers. There was no grass

Twenty million years later the area disappeared into the sea. Tides from the lagoon deposited sediment on the footprints and dried out and hardened, forming a protec-Mr Keates said: "When I

saw these footprints appear, I thought they were just huge dents and thought 'That's another lot of stones spoilt, then"." He leases the quarry from the National Trust and is contracted to take stone away. These footprints could have ended up broken to pieces and would be sat in local rockeries by now," he said. "By coincidence, a natu-

ralist friend of mine was walking through the quarry." Fencing has been erected around the site and further excavation is expected to last another week. Sandy Joakim of the National Trust said that the most important task was to preserve the prints from exposure to frost and dust. We want to conserve these prints for the future and work out some form of public ac-cess. We will be working with Dr Wright to make sure they

are properly protected." ☐ The 15ft skeleton of what is believed to be the world's largest marine crocodile goes on display at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery today after it was found in cardboard boxes in a garage. It has taken 2,000 hours to piece its 250 bones together. The 165 million-year-old

Crocodilian was found near Peterborough, Cambridge shire, six years ago. The finder gave up hope of reassembling it and stored it in his garage.



Dr Wright cleaning the footprints accidentally uncovered in a Dorset quarry

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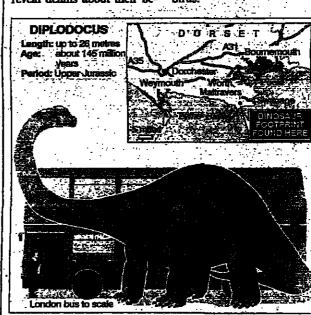
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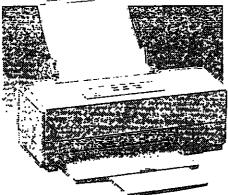
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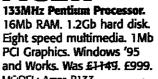




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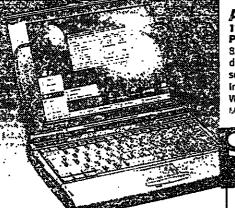
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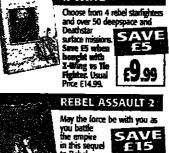
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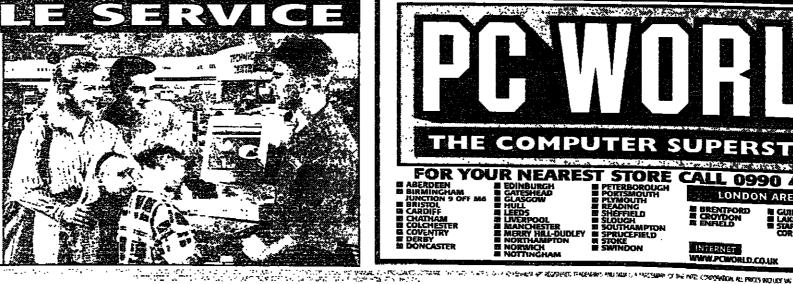
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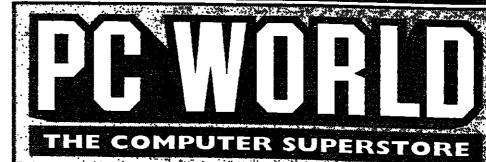
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# Scott urges more 'no Win, no fee' litigation

By Frances Gibb, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A BIG expansion in "no win, proved successful. At present no fee" litigation and tax it was confined to personal incentives to encourage linga-tion insurance was called for terday by the head of civil

In an attempt to widen access to justice. Sir Richard Scott, head of the High Court's Chancery Division, also called on Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor to abolish the policy that courts finance themselves through fees charged to lingants.

He challenged the tradition that the loser pays the win-ner's costs and suggested that bodies that financed litigation, such as the Legal Aid Board, should not be immune from paying costs of failed actions.

One obstacle preventing people from exercising their constitutional right to the courts was the cost of lawyers' fees, Sir Richard said But reforms to civil litigation pro-posed last year by Lord Woolf. Master of the Rolls, would not "realistically" do more than save money at the margins of the problem, he said.

Instead, some basic propositions had to be rethought, he told a conference in London of the County Court Advisers Group, a section of the Advice Services Alliance. He said "no win, no fee" litigation, under which lawyers charged nothing if they lost but increased their normal fees by up to 100 per cent if they won, had



injury, debt recovery and human rights cases. Sir Richard said he would like the Lord Chancellor to authorise its extension to most civil disputes - "tort, contract and all

arbitration proceedings".
He would like greater use of litigation insurance encouraged by tax incentives. "Just as health insurance schemes are sometimes offered as part of a remuneration package to employees, I would like to see employers offering litigation cost insurance to employees as part of an employment

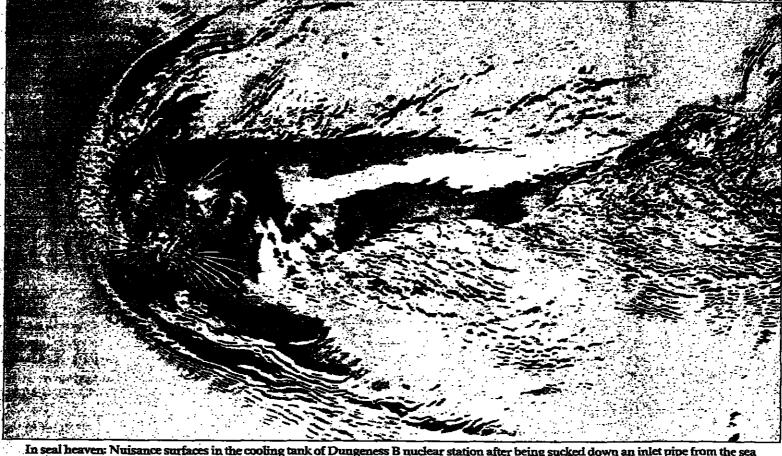
package."
Sir Richard said that the policy of the winner having his costs paid by the loser was meant to discourage "blackmall" litigation. But in the United States there was no such rule and some felt it would have a "positively un-constitutional" effect on access to justice.

There is a good deal to be said for a new approach to costs, under which the loser is not required to pay the winextent that, the prosecution of the case had been unreason-able." That would preven blackmail litigation and

would encourage sensible compromises, he added.

In a further proposal, he said that where litigation was financed by a body such as the Legal Aid Board and an action was unsuccessful, they should have to pay the costs of the winner. The same might apply to lawyers acting under conditional fees if they funded an unsuccessful action.

Sir Richard called on the Lord Chancellor to ditch the policy by which courts are selffinancing and cover their costs, including the costs of the judges' salaries, through fees charged to litigants. The poli-cy was inconsistent with the principles that ought to under-



# Dilemma for Kent nuclear power station where fish have gained seal of approval

A NUCLEAR power station is planning to shut down its reactors, at a cost of millions of pounds, to save a seal called Nuisance trapped in a waterway used to cool its

The female grey seal is believed to have become trapped after being sucked down an intake pipe that runs a quarter of a mile out to sea. It has been in the reservoir for ten days and appears to be having a whale of a time because the tank is full of fish. According to Martin Weeks, the plant production manager of Dungeness B nuclear station on the Kent coast, there are probably more fish per cubic metre in the tank than anywhere in the North Sea. The seal heaven where Nuisance is gorging itself - supplies cooling wat-

Mr Weeks said yesterday: The reservoir is too dangerous for staff to enter but is all right for seals, who are de-

er for the turbines.



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The seal contemplates the sheer sides of the reservoir at Dungeness B

that "the seal is more important than the electricity" and that he was prepared to close the nuclear plant to allow rescuers to save the animal if all else failed.

He has called in the British Marine Divers' Rescue Organisation, a voluntary group licensed to capture seals, to advise on the dilemma.

"The seal cannot get any further," Mr Weeks said.

prevent it going forward to the turbines and it cannot go back because of the current. Also the walls are sheer, so it is not going out that way. But at the moment she seems quite happy in there. There is a large quantity of fish in the

The strategy is to let the seal tire itself out and lure it on to a wooden maintenance plaform which the animal might mistake for a beach. A

of the staff is the main concern. We do not want any He was unable to say what

the cost of shutting down the plant would be but it would be in the millions. One of the two reactors at the station is shut for several weeks every vear for safety testing, allowine maintenance work to be carried out. Any stoppage now would mean that the annual shut-down would have to be shortened, Mr

is not causing any commer-cial difficulties. The plant is

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"I may make a manage ment decision with the staff to carry out the maintenance work now rather than later, and this may limit the com-mercial loss." Mr Weeks be-lieves the seal entered the intake pipe through a grill damaged in a storm. hour up to the 40ft by 40ft

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The intake pipe pumps 130 million litres of sea water an

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Warm water from the tur-

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Nuisance has a supporter which passes the water along in Mr Weeks's ten-year-old daughter, Anna, who is monitoring the situation closely. "I bines is then passed backwill not be very popular if this

#### **Detective** deplores silence of road rage witnesses

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE underworld is protecting the killer of the road rage victim Stephen Cameron out of misguided loyalty or fear, the detective leading the

investigation said yesterday. The anniversary of the murder falls on Monday. Detective Superintendent Nick Biddiss said that there were Witnesses with key informa-tion about the stabbing of Mr Cameron, during an argument on an M25 interchange in Kent, who were refusing to help police. Others were "economic in their recollection of the truth" and some "told us

Mr Biddiss was speaking after the victim's parents, Ken and Toni Cameron, described in The Times yesterday their continued grief and dread of the anniversary. Mr Camer-on's girlfriend, Danielle Ca-ble, 18, in whose arms he died, now lives with them.

Mr Biddiss said that they had "gone through hell in the last year" and he appealed to potential witnesses to examine their consciences. There was "a wall of silence" over some aspects of the case.

There are people out there who could enable us to bring this investigation to a very early resolution," Mr Biddiss said. They were "not necessarily mainline criminals but people who, from fear, misguided loyalty or esoteric reasons of their own, will not talk

He said that they had information about the driver of the dark blue Land Rover Discovery used by the killer. Others knew about events on the day of the murder or what happened to the vehicle. Mr Biddiss suspected that it had

been destroyed in a scrapyard. In the past year Kent police have traced more than 17,000 Discovery vehicles that meet the description. The only one outstanding is registered to Anthony Francis of Bexley. Kent, a name used by Kenneth Noye, the Brink's-Mat gold robber who vanished on the day of the murder. Mr Biddiss said that he would like to eliminate Mr Noye from his inquiries.

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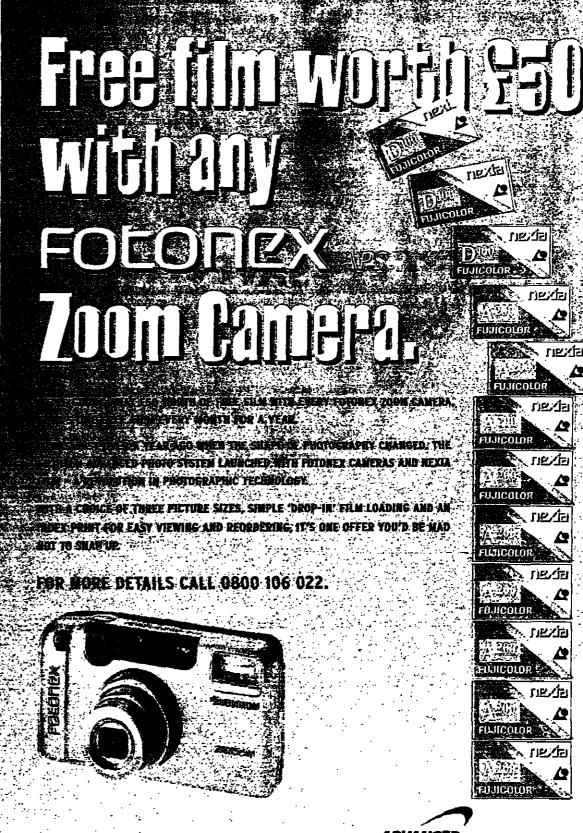
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# Young criminals force elderly nuns to close convent

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retired to consider whether

they needed further reports.

was issued for his arrest.

teenager fled. A warrant

Sister Joseph's first reaction

to his absconding was: "We'd better check the windows are

all locked." She said: "We do

feel very sorry for the good people of Grangetown whose area has been blighted by a handful of criminals. They

have been very supportive to

us and part of me does feel we

should stay living here to light

the battle. But we have an average age of 70 and what can you do when you feel so at

street, but that is from young-

sters who know no better and

that sort of thing happens everywhere. What we were not

prepared for was the vandal-

ism and repeated attempted

A convent was first estab-

lished in Grangetown in 1927.

carrying out pastoral work in

the community that sprang up

around the steel plants and

docks of Teesside. Their

present home was purpose-

built seven years ago. Sister Joseph said: "The idea was

that the convent would provide a home for us in our

We do receive abuse in the

A CONVENT has had to close after 70 years because of repeated break-ins and vandalism by local youths.

Last night a 14-year-old was on the run after absconding from a magistrates' court where he faced another charge of theft from The Daughters of Charity of St Vincent De Paul. He had smashed a window and stole a video recorder. The Roman Catholic community of two working nuns and two retired sisters in their eighties are moving out of their resi-dence in the tough Teesside district of Grangetown for a unierer location.

Sister Joseph, the Mother Superior, said: 'I do admit that at first I felt like belting him when I saw what he had done to our home and win dow. But now I feel he needs

help. We would love to help him if we could. Someone needs to spend time with him. sit down and offer help and keep an eye on him so he doesn't return to crime. He is at the crossroads of his life and the hope must be that he can become a reformed young man by the time he is 17."

Last month the boy appeared before Middlesbrough Youth Court where he admitted breaking into the convent and stealing a nun's handbag. He also confessed to other burglaries and was given a three-year supervision order. Two weeks later he returned to the convent and stole the video recorder after smashing through a double-glazed window with a slab of concrete.

Yesterday his mother and his social worker were present



#### Big-screen role keeps cathedral scaffold on high

By RUTH GLEDHILL

FOR 40 years scaffolding has marred the appearance of Hereford Cathedral, one of the most beautiful in the country. But just as the scaffold was about to come down. for the first time in the living memory of half of Hereford's residents, they learnt that it is to stay up for a few more weeks to meet the needs of a film-maker.

The makers of The Shadow Run, a story of robbers and a choirboy, have asked that the scaffolding remain because it is integral to the plot. Geoffrey Reeve, the pro-ducer, is to pay the cathedral to retain the scaffolding until shooting has finished

The film stars Michael Caine and James Fox and will feature one of the cathedral's choristers. Matthew Pochin, 14. The choir will be on the soundtrack. Lieutenant Colonel An-

drew Eames, chapter clerk. said there had been scaffolding somewhere on the exterior or interior of the cathedral since the 11th century, and more was to go up soon for restoration work on the east

The scaffolding on the tower, which has become an accepted part of the view of the Norman cathedral from the old bridge, went up 40



Residents of Hereford, looking forward to a scaffold-free tower after 40 years, will have to wait a few more weeks

of carvings. Masons have spent 40,000 hours restoring 10,000 ball-flowers, a medieval sign of prosperity, each the size of a large grapefruit. The dean, the Very Rev Robert Willis, put the top stone in place a few days ago.

The dean said: "The ma-sons are delighted that there is not a ball-flower in sight on the east end, where they are about to start work. This

phase of the tower restoration is now finished. It has been a massive task. The scaffolding was due to be taken down and we had a ceremony where I put the last stone in place."

The dean added: "The tow has been kept up by massive appeals launched every 70 years or so." During the latest restoration the cathedral ran out of money

several times and was unable at one stage to match the grants provided by English Heritage. Since 1986 nearly E2 million has been spent on the tower, of which about two thirds came from English Heritage. The Hereford Ca-thedral Perpetual Trust, set up in 1995, raised more than

The dean said: "I certainly

£300,000 to help to finish the

want the scaffolding down. It will be so refreshing to look at the tower from the old river bridge and see it with-out scaffolding for the first time in ages.

But we are rather pleased about the film, because it is involving our choir." The scaffolding is essential to the plot because it facilitates a theft which is witnessed by the choirboy.

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# Credo Basic truth that 24,000 scholars

Shmuley Boteach

7 hroughout worship has often led to arrogance and judgmentalism. The voices of the faithful are often heard condemning the immoral ways of a sinful generation, rather than speaking of the glory of God and the richness of walking

It seems that the more pious people hecome, the more they tend to look down at their fellows and to dismiss their godless and selfindulgent lifestyle. Those who would embrace such a disposition would do well to learn from the Jewish

festival of Lag b'Omer, a day of joy and celebration for Jews the world over. In the second century, the Jews had just gone through the traumatic des-truction of their second Temple and a holocaust at the hands of the Romans. But a

great sage arose like a comet in the blackened sky to give them heal-

ing, hope and direction. His name was Akiva. A poor shepherd who could not read or write, he was challenged by Rachel, the daughter of the richest man. of the time, for whom he laboured, to dedicate himself to study. In return, he would receive her hand in marriage. At 40 he took up her offer. They married, he left to study at the feet of the masters, and she was cut off from her family for running off with the impoverished

They saw each other only twice in 24 years, but at the end of that period he had returned with 24,000 disci-ples and was halled as one of the greatest teachers since Moses. Then tragedy struck. An epidemic ran through the legions of Akiva's students and in only a few weeks nearly all died. The plague ended on Lag b'Omer with live of his finest students still alive, thus preserving the Jewish scholarly tradition, and Jews have commemorated

the day ever since.
The Talmud declares that there was a reason for the epidemic in the eyes of God, brotherhood, love and unity always supersede religiosity and piety. Of Akiva's 24,000 disciples, each one was de-vout and scholarly, spending many hours daily immersed in Torah study and prayer. But they died because they showed no

respect for one another. Jealousy and mean spirited

competition were rife.

Those who put more emphasis on prayer looked down at these selfish ones who would salk cindulge in scholarly pussits. The scholars, in turn, looked down upon those engaged in prayer and o rant. Since they had no unity, they were rejected by the Creator.

Perhaps an even more compelling example may be brought from Saul, the first Jewish king. The rabbis teach that the Jews of his generation were so scrupulously observant

and learned in Scripture that even three-yearold children could recite vast tracts by heart. And yet King Saul and his generation were defeated almost every time they went out to battle. God was not with them in their

efforts against Jewish adversaries. Contrast this with Ahab, one of the wickedest kings in Jewish history. Not only was he married to the wicked queen Jezebel, who murdered, withthe exception of Elijah all of God's true prophets, but Ahab also replaced national

religious worship of the God of Israel with the pagan cult of Baal. And yet every time he went to battle he tasted victory. The Almighty accompanied his legions into combat because, as the rabbis proclaim, "his people

went into battle as one man with one heart". The idea that unity and brotherhood, in the eyes of the Deity, take precedence over worship should not appear revolutionary. God is our Father, and the greatest wish of every parent is that his children be closer to one another than to himself. because a parent loves his children more than he loves

The great Hasidic mas-

Director of the Oxford University L'Chaim Society.

ter, the Baal Shem Tov, taught that the portal by which man comes to love God is through love of his fellow man. Those people who claim to love God but then loathe people must seriously question their belief in God as the Creator of all things and the Father of the human family. Rabbi Shmuley Boteach is

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#### Bellaghy funeral

Monmers crowded onto the streets of the village of Bella-ghy, Co Londonderry, for the funeral of Sean Brown, 61, a Roman Catholic father of six who was murdered by loyalist terrorists after being abdusted on Monday.

#### Eagles fail-

England's only pair of golden eagles have failed to hatch their eggs for the fourth year out of five. The birds, which nest on a crag overlooking Haweswater in the Lake District, reared a chick to flying stage last year.

#### Firemen lose

Two firefighters failed to win compensation for back injuries suffered practising the firemen's lift. At the High Court in Cardiff, the Home Office and former Powys and Gwent county councils said the training was necessary.

#### Beatles reunion

Paul McCartney and John Lennon enjoyed a jam session four years after the Beatles split, Sir Paul disclosed. They met while Lennon was recording in Los Angeles in 1974. Stevie Wonder joined the session, with Sir Paul on drums.

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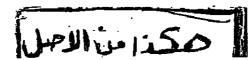
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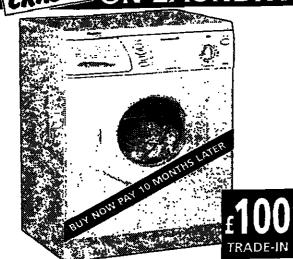
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Dalya Alberge writes from Cannes on the importance of Europe gaining a bigger box office share

# Puttnam declares war on US cultural imperialism

must fight back to protect the Continent's cultural identities in the face of growing domination by Hollywood, Sir David Puttnam said yesterday. The leading British producer said that the cinema shaped attitudes and values, and that America was eclipsing

Nations that lost their confidence and sense of identity became destabilised, he said, and drew on an ancient Chinese proverb: "If we continue flown the path we appear to have chosen, the danger exists that we will end up exactly where we seem to be heading." Speaking at the Cannes Film Festival to launch his new book on the subject, The Undeclared War, Sir David

pointed out that every aspect of film was invented in Europe. He reiterated proposals that he originally outlined in 1991 for a levy on video rentals and films electronically transmitted. Ten pence on every rental, he said, could be invested in training programmes while a second levy would be ploughed back into



Cultural rivals: Hollywood's Sylvester Stallone as Rambo, and Ben Cross in Chariots of Fire

way, the British industry and Malcolm McDowell, could train film-makers to whose films include A Clockmake more British films and compete in the global market. Sir David also announced that he was working with the director Hugh Hudson again for the first time since Chariots of Fire, which won the Oscar for Best Picture in 1981. They are making A World of Moss, about a young boy's coming of age in a highly eccentric Scottish household. It stars Colin Firth, best

whose films include A Clockwork Orange. It is being shot entirely in Scotland.

it is scripted by Simon Donald, who won the Evening Standard Awards most promising newcomer award in 1984. Sir David said he had read the script on a plane: "I was screaming my head off with laughter." The moment they landed he made a call and bought the rights. Sir David, whose classic films include Midnight Ex-

press and The Killing Fields,

said of cinema's influence on cultures: "It is frankly dangerous to allow Hollywood's extraordinary dominance in the field to go on intensifying."

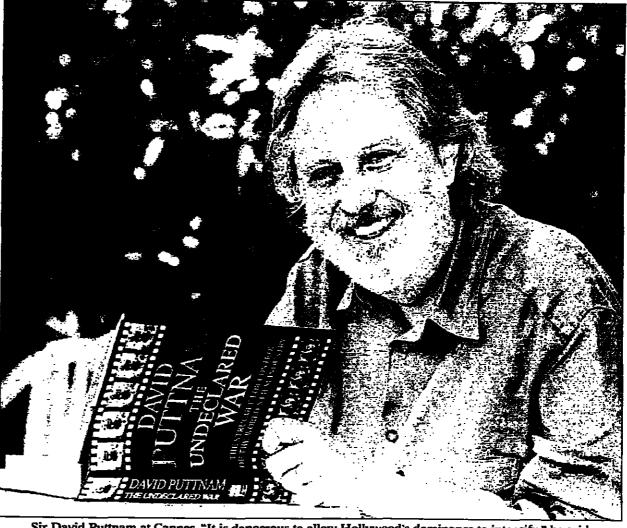
He called on the American studios to become good global citizens, contributing to the fabric of different nations rather than purely imposing their culture on them. There remained "an underlying appetite for dramatic material rooted in our own cultures".

"Movies are more than fun. and more than big business. They are power. They can help to create a healthy, informed, concerned and inquisitive society, or a negative, apathetic,

ignorant one.

If we treat them simply as so many consumer industries. rather than as complex cultural phenomena, then we are likely to damage irreversibly the health and vitality of our

A realistic target, he sugested, would be to increase the share of box office earned by British movies from its "present derisory 7-8 per cent to around 15 per cent over the



Sir David Puttnam at Cannes. "It is dangerous to allow Hollywood's dominance to intensify," he said

# Hollywood takes a swing at epic Old English poem

By Our Arts Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD is adapting Library, presumed to date the oldest known poem in English literature for the big screen. Beowulf, whose ori-gins are believed to date from the 8th century will star Christopher Lambert, who made his name after appearing as Tarzan in Hugh Hudson's Grevstoke.

The actor, whose previous reles have also included the numortal time traveller in the Highlander trilogy, said that as many as five American studios had made unsuccessful attempts to create a film

the most significant relic from the Anglo-Saxon period and is the oldest poem in any modern language. It tells the story of Beowulf, a young warrior, and his tragic battle against the flesh-eating monster Grendel and its equally grotestrue mother. The poem survives in only one version, in a manuscript in the British



Lambert would like to shoot film in Scotland

Lambert who was at the Cannes Film Festival to launch his latest movie Nirvana. a futuristic story about a virtual-reality mind gar said that Beowulf needed to combine action with emotion:

"The action is easy. The most difficult thing in Highlander was not chopping people's heads off but the emotion. In Beowulf, it is trying to make a movie about the pain this guy has, the emotion, the fight against his dark side." He said that the film would

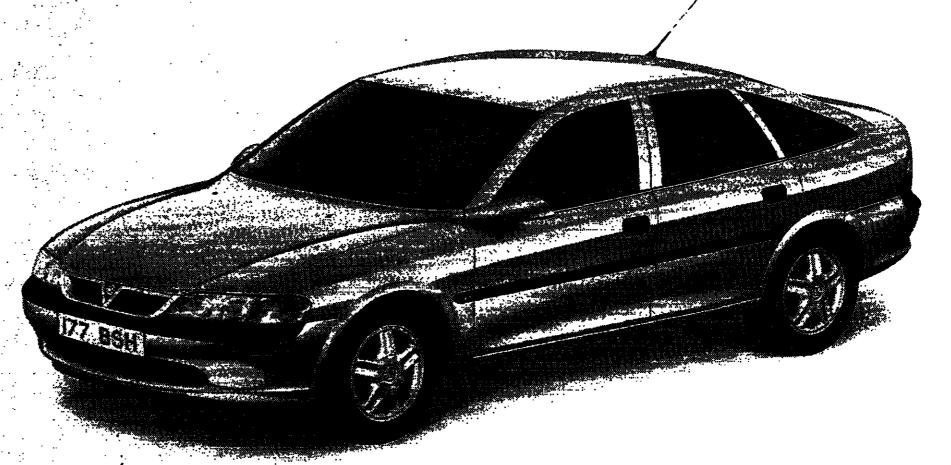
not sacrifice the story to the and adventure."

The actor, who was born in New York and brought up in Geneva by French parents, said that the adaptation of the original was both faithful and subtle. "There is not going to be a dragon but a creature you never even see. The power of movies like Jaws or Alien is that you feel it but you never really see it. If you saw the shark in the beginning of Jaws, the movie would be

The film is to be produced by Larry Kasanoff, who made Mortal Kombat and Platoon. A director has yet to be announced, as has the location. "We need a loth-century castle, which they don't have in the States," Lambert said. "I would love to shoot in was filmed, or Ireland.

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#### Ahern backs move to restart talks with Sinn Fein

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

FIANNA FAIL has put tax cuts and crime at the top of its election manifesto and is supcuts and crime at the top of its election manifesto and is supporting moves to initiate contact between Sinn Fein and the London and Dublin

Bertie Ahern, the party leader, said that he would re-open contacts between Sinn Fein and the Irish Government if he was elected Prime Minister on June 6 provided a restoration of the IRA ceasefire looked possible. He said that talks could be carried out by civil servants or a third party. He emphasised, however, that he would not talk to Sinn Fein as Prime Minister unless the IRA called a ceasefire. Mr Ahern's position is close to that spelt out by Tony Blair

However, Mr Ahern ruled out any role for Albert Reyn-olds, his former leader and Prime Minister, in the talks. Mr Reynolds was one of the architects of the Northern Ireland peace process. Mr Ahern said that he looked forward to working with Mr Blair, whom he described as "an open person, prepared to

Mr Ahern, 45, is portraying himself in the election campaign as the "young leader of a young country", promising to put people before politics. He came tantalisingly close to winning the title in 1994 when the Fianna Fail/Labour coali-

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with Mr Ahern as Taoiseach. Instead, Mr Spring went into coalition with Fine Gael and the Democratic Left. Mr Ahern was devestated and has spent the intervening period modernising his image and uniting his party. Opinion polls place him as people's favourite for Taoiseach.

Fianna Fail wants to return to power in coalition with the Progressive Democrats, Coalitions have become some thing of a fixture of Irish political life. Mr Ahern said that the centre-right coalition - which is favourite to win the election - would overhaul the tax system and clamp down

If elected, his party intends to distribute the wealth generated by an expanding economy and cut the upper tax band 48 per cent to 43 per cent. Mr Ahern said: Relatively low-paid workers are having up to 55 per cent of their income deducted. No one at any level should have to give up more than half their additional earnings."

Mr Ahern is also promising a "zero tolerance" attitude to crime. He said that, as Prime Minister, he would create 2,000 extra prison places and bring the police up to their full lement of 12,000.



Ahern at his manifesto launch yesterday: "Sinn Fein talks need an IRA ceasefire"

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# Scots Tories defy party leaders to reassess policies

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

AN UNOFFICIAL meeting of 70 senior Scottish Conservatives is being held this week-end in defiance of the party

The group of former MEPs, constituency chairmen, councillors and parliamentary can-didates drawn from all wings of the party will meet on Sunday to discuss the party's future and to draw up discussion papers on such issues as devolution and the referendum Bill, ahead of the Tory

conference in Perth.

Annabel Goldie, the Scottish party chairwoman, had urged members to keep quiet over internal policy divisions until the conference at the end of June. Arthur Bell, the chairman of the Scottish Tory Reform Group, has ignored the decree and will host the personally invited guests in a marquee at his house outside Biggar, South Lanarkshire.

Although invited; no senior figures from Central Office, including Mrs Goldie, her deputy Jackson Carlow and David McLetchie, President of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association, will be

attending.

Last week Mrs Goldie made strenuous efforts to end the party's public bickering as the anti-devolution consensus

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maintained during the election campaign began to col-lapse. She said: "If there are continuing multiple rushes of blood to the head, there will be a collective stroke." The summer conference was the legitimate forum for members to air their views, she said.

Mr Bell, who described himself as a political pragmatist, said yesterday that he was not trying to influence debate at the conference or to form a rebellious caucus to fill the ower vacuum created since the Conservative wipe-out in Scotland at the general election\_

He said that it was vitally important for the rebuilding process to begin as soon as possible. If the party waited until June, the referendum Bill would be law before a policy position had been discussed,

"Montgomery and Eisenhower plotted the D-Day landings in a tent, so I don't see anything unusual in planning the reclamation of Scotland from a marquee," Mr Bell said. "This is meant to be a think-tank. We have suffered the worst defeat in our history and there are fundamental things we need to address, such as how do we build a

form in Scotland?" A Scottish parliament was inevitable whether we like it or not" and the Tory party had to begin thinking about how it would face up to "this political reali-ty" when it arrived.

Yesterday Mrs Goldie was not available to comment but a Central Office spokesman said that the gathering was unhelpful. There will be every opportunity for people to put forward their views at the conference. This is no time for kneeperk reactions, we need to sit down and think things through."
Mr Bell was linked to the

downfall of Sir Michael Hirst. the former party chairman, who resigned at the start of the election campaign over allegations of a homosexual affair Sir Michael claimed last week he had been betrayed by members of his own party but refused to mention names. However, it emerged that Mr Bell had alerted the party heirarchy about Sir Michael's alleged past affair. Mr Bell said that he had been the

unwilling messenger.
As well as future policy, the two-day gathering in Perth is expected to discuss changes to party organisation.

# Tories to demand voting threshold for referendums

By James Landale, political reporter

THE Tories are to demand minimum voting thresholds in the Government's planned devolumon referendums in their campaign against devolving powers to Scutland and Wales. William Hague, the Shad-

ow Welsh Secretary, and Michael Ancram, the Shadow Constitutional Affairs spokes registered electors.

man, said that an agreed Mr Hagne said: The Oppominimum number of voters sition will table amendments must support the Governto to the Bill and some will deal ment's proposals for them to with the question of possible thresholds. A referendent ment's position is that only a with a low turnout could be a

Mr Hague said during yes-terday's Commons debate on constitutional matters raised by the Queen's Speech that the Opposition will table amendments to the Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Bill demanding a fixed threshold. The Bill, published last Thursday, comes up for its second reading on Wednesday

and Thursday. The move is the first indication of how the Tories intend to fight the proposals despite Labour's large Commons ma-

jority. Similar devolution plans were defeated in a referendum in 1979 when a fixed threshold was imposed. Although a narrow majority voted for devolution in Scotland, the "Yes" campaign failed to win the required threshold of 40 per cent of

ment's position is that only a with a low turnout count majority of those who yote is needed for devolution to of changing the British constitution. He challenged Labour to say if a 20 per cent vote for devolution and even fewer against would be a satisfac-

tory mandate for the changes. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said the demands were depressing. The Tories appear to want to re-visit the horrors of 1978/79, he said. "Why should Scotland be singled out for fancy franchises and artificial obstacles? The Tories impose no such obstacles in the paths of referendums on Europe or other

matters close to their heart."

### Cabinet cases turned into red phone-boxes

By PHILLP WEBSTER

CABINET ministers have been offered the chance to bring their traditional red boxes up to date - with a pocket for a mobile phone. enterprising Cam-

bridgeshire company has made the special boxes for David Blunkett, the blind Education Secretary, after spotting him on television struggling with the regulation cases, which are too small for his braille documents. Papworth Travel Goods

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which are wider than those used for more than 250 years. They took the opportunity to add new features, including a pocket for his mobile phone, dictation machine and cassette tapes. They will be sent to him over the weekend. Simon Knocker, the sales manager, said it took the company five working days to complete the task: "We saw it as an opportunity for us to bid



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# I Hague promises licies immediate vote for the grassroots

BY PHILLP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

WILLIAM HAGUE has offered Conservatives an early chance to back him or sack him if he is chosen to replace. John Major next month. He promised yesterday that he would quickly convene a meeting for the party's membership to confirm or reject his selection as leader.

He said: "Should I be elected leader of the party by fellow MPs I will as quickly as possible call a special conference representative of the whole party.

"At that conference a ballot would be held at which I would seek a mandate, and I would not continue as leader without it.".

His promise came as his leadership rival Stephen Dorrell suggested that the Conservative Party should choose between him and William :Hague if it wanted to break free from the failure of the past five years. The former Health Secretary challenged Mr Hague to a face-to-face



Dorrell: said the choice was him or Hague

Tory members, implying that the other four contenders belonged to the past.

In the first formal news conference of his campaign. Mr Dorrell, 45, said that he and Mr Hague, the former Weish Secretary, offered a choice to take a leader from "the next-generation".

Mr Hague is 36 - the youngest of the six candidates standing for election. He later

## Court fight by Tory who thinks he won

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TORY Health Minister who lost his Commons seat by two votes is mounting a High Court challenge to force another count. The action by Gerry Malone could mean a rerun of the election for voters in Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr Malone lost the constituency to Mark Oaten, a Liberal Democrat, after two recounts. The ousted Conservative is particularly con-cerned that 55 ballot papers were rejected as void because they did not have an official mark that should be stamped on all papers.

Yesterday Mr Malone said that after taking legal advice,-he had decided to lodge a petition in the High Court to seek a recount or scrutiny of the votes recorded in the fresh election in 1974, which election. He said: "It is my

understanding that a majority of void ballots were cast in my favour and had they been counted, I would have won the election. My purpose is to ensure that the result properly reflects the intentions of

Mr Oaten said: "Mr Malone is now seeking through the courts to overturn the will of the people of Winchester."

Mr Malone may be helped by legal precedent in the case of Billie Morgan, a Tory candidate defeated by nine votes in the 1973 Greater London Council election. She protested that if votes declared void because of the absence of the mark had been counted, she would have won. A ruling by Lord Denning resulted in a she won comfortably.

debate, saying that it might be

Mr Dorrell said: "I am happy to debate with anybody but I seek a specific debate with William because I get a very clear message that the Conservative Party wants to move on to the next agenda. "I and William share a commitment to break free

from what has been an unsuccessful history in the last Parliament and set a new programme for the election." Mr Dorrell appeared to be politely writing off some of his opponents. He said that John

Redwood, who had not been in the Cabinet since 1995, was very much associated with the arguments which did us so much damage during the last Parliament. I don't believe Conservative supporters in the country sense that John represents a clean break from the arguments of the past."

Of the former Home Secretary Michael Howard, Mr Dorrell said they had got on "perfectly well" in government: "He is an experienced minister but I don't believe that, because of his long career, he offers the same opportunity for a clean break and a rebuilding from the foundations up that the youn-

ger candidates offer.

"Clearly William and I both share a commitment to rebuild the Conservative Party. But we are different people. We would go about it in a different way. The party must understand the differences between our personalities . . . the differences of muance."

He made the democratisation of the Tory party a central plank of his campaign, promising that under his leadership the party would have a new constitution within a year. requiring the leader to face regular re-election with party members having a say.

Mr Dorrell said there were three essential building blocks for the party's future: competitive liberal economics to create wealth for society, a clear view on the future of Europe — as a competitive, open market, and a more flexible union of sovereign nation states - and we must reclaim the epithet of one



Jack Straw has a close encounter yesterday with a scissor-wielding inmate of of Winchester prison. The Home Secretary was being shown around a salon where women prisoners practise their hairdressing skills on fellow inmates. With a pack of photographers crying for

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## Straw has close shave in jail

Elaine held a pair of scissors just an inch from Mr Straw's already neat sideburns. The Home Secretary did not flinch as she told him: "Let

Straw, who was making his first visit to a jail since becoming Home Secretary, re-"Well done for chutzpah." Another inmate. 54-year-old Jeanette, who was in the middle of having her

hair styled, congratulated Mr Straw on Labour's election victory and then complained about delays in having appeals against conviction

was being taken to address delays. But he said that he appreciated her congratula-tions and added: "We had to wait a long time to get into government. It was a lone stretch for us. too." Winchester's Victorian prison houses

# Suicide overshadows debut visit to prison

BY STEWART TENDLER CREME CORRESPONDENT

JACK STRAW's first visit to a prison as Home Secretary was marred yesterday when an inmate committed suicide in his cell just hours before his arrival. Shaun Harvey, 22, was found by Winchester Prison staff shortly after 6am, hanged in his single cell by a bed sheet attached to cell bars. He had left

Harvey, the twentieth prisoner to kill himself this year, was sentenced to a three-month sentence for drugs, theft and affray on Wednesday.

As Mr Straw toured the prison he said the death was a profoundly depressing situation for all concerned. He offered his sympathies to the mother of the prisoner and recalled

that when he was at school a classmate committed suicide. It was an experience which he said had "remained with me all of my life".

Mr Straw was referring to the death of a boy called Peter Hartley, 15, who gassed himself in May 1963 at Brentwood School. An inquest was told that he may have killed himself because he was agonising over being a homo-

The boy crept down at night and killed himself in a study in Otway House shared by Mr Straw and several other pupils. Mr Straw was told about the death the next day and glimpsed the body. During his visit the Home Secretary confirmed he planned measures to stabilise the soaring prison population, which now totals 60,431. He said he would be

examining ways of cutting the length of time defendants spent in jail on remand awaiting trial and would also cut the number of fine defaulters who were sent to prison.

"I don't want to see anybody in prison who can be sensibly punished for their crimes outside and do not pose a danger to the public. If we are to achieve that, we have to raise confidence in community punishments. It's because of declining confidence that I think many sentencers decided to shift from community punishments to

The Home Secretary said too many defendants spent too long on remand awaiting trial. About 20 per cent of inmates in England and Wales were awaiting trial and Mr Straw said he was looking at a variety of proposals to

reduce delays. He said he was interested in the Scottish system of remand population control. Under that scheme remand inmates cannot be held in custody beyond 110 days without trial.

Mr Straw also made it clear he has not entirely rejected the idea of using HMP Weare, the prison ship moored at Portland harbour in Dorset. Later he visited the ship and said a final decision on using it had yet to be made. He said he would hear representations from local councillors, who have opposed the vessel, and study a report from a marine expert prepared for the Prison Officers' Association, Mr Straw said the alternative to the ship would be to use police cells, which would be unacceptable. The size of the accommodation on the ship was better than many prisons including Winchester.

# Move to ban smoking in Parliament

TONY BLAIR might have got a Commons motion calling for rid of the smoke-filled rooms a smoking ban throughout the that characterised old Labour but now one of his MPs wants to go even further and inject some fresh air into the fumefilled House of Commons (James Landale writes).

John Austin, MP for Erith and Thamesmead, has tabled

Palace of Westminster. Smoking is banned in the Commons chamber, in select and standing committee rooms, and the Members' Lobby. It is, however, allowed in many other meeting rooms, in the committee corridor where many MPs

do constituency work, in parts of the Commons library, the Central Lobby and some public areas, including the bars

Mr Austin said he hoped to capitalise on the Government's plans to ban tobacco advertising by making the Commons a smoke-free zone.

The only exceptions would be the Strangers' Bar and the Members' Smoking Room. Many veteran MPs on both

smokers and they are likely to block any attempt to ban their habit. The matter is a question for the Commons Admin-

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# Prescott has hard choices over future of transport

By Michael Binyon

JOHN PRESCOTT, the Deputy Prime Minister and environment supremo, will this weekend analyse the difficult choices for roads and railways that were laid before him by his transport ministers at a policy-making meeting at Chevening yesterday.

The transport team must decide soon what kind of enhanced regulatory authority it wants to supervise the privatised railways; whether to cut further the road-building programme; and how the demands of transport and the environment can be better reconciled. But the most immediate decision is on the London

The huge cuts in funds for the Underground, announced by Kenneth Clarke last November, have left the system short of £700 million in infrastructure investment. The Underground announced the immediate scrapping of doz-ens of capital projects and the indefinite postponement of many improvements.

During the election cam-paign Labour flatly ruled out the "wholesale privatisation" of the system, a proposal finally made by Sir George Young, the Tory Transport Secretary, on the eve of the campaign. Labour spokesmen insisted that improving public transport would be a priority, but gave no indica-tion where to find the money. Mr Prescott has now been given three options by the

Underground keeping it in

the public sector with a huge

the next five years; bringing in private money to pay for repairs under the Private Finance Initiative: or privatising the system, either wholly or by keeping London authority and contracting out the running of the services.

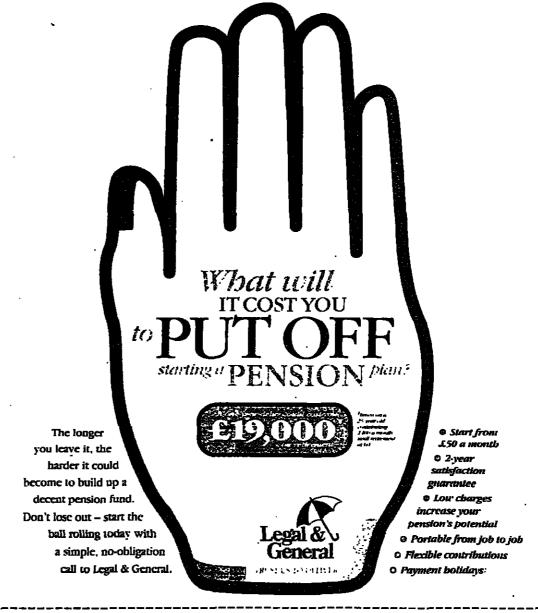
All three are being studied by Glenda Jackson, the minister responsible for railway operations. The first would swallow up to £400 million a year in capital spending for five years. The Underground says it would then be selffinancing, able to generate from its own receipts the funds needed for capital costs. The obstacles are Gordon Brown and the Treasury.

The private finance option is unrealistic. The Underground already makes more use of such finance than any other state-run undertaking. The money would still have to be repaid.

The third option would stick in the throats of many leftwingers and Londoners. A single monopoly handed to the private sector would not stimulate competition. Separating track from train operations, like the break-up of British Rail, would be extremely difficult in such an interlinked system. Finding

investors might be difficult. Finally, Mr Prescott knows that with project after project being axed because the money has dried up, London voters will not wait long before demanding a reversal of Mr Clarke's cuts.

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Face to face with a dictator: President Mobutu celebrating 25 years of independence in June 1985, left; fêted by fellow despot Idi Amin, the Ugandan President, in 1972; and feeling the strain during the endgame of his reign this month

# Three decades of chaos under lord of misrule



Sam Kiley charts the rise and fall of President Mobutu of Zaire, the longest-ruling of modern Africa's kleptocrats

MOBUTU SESE SEKO yesterday slipped out of Kinshasa and power in Zaire after 32 years of rule for which he will be remembered as a brutal despot, a brilliant manipulator and one of the greatest thieves of the 20th century, for whom chaos has always been

Joseph-Desire Mobutu — as he was called until he "Africanised" his name in 1972 - came from humble origins in the Equateur province in the north of a colony left in a shambles by its Belgian masters who fled, leaving only 16 indigenous graduates in a country 80 times the size of their own.

For the young non-commis-sioned officer, who had started out as a freelance reporter for a French press agency, the uprising against Belgian officers in newly independent Congo, and chaos which followed, was a golden opportunity. Patrice Lumumba, the left-wing Prime Minister, raised him to the rank of colonel at the age of only 30, and made him head of the armed forces which Belgian officers feared to lead. Largely ineffective as a mili-

tary leader, the young Colonel Mobutu developed a sense of opportunity. In 1961, after the country was torn apart by secessionist rebellions and arguments between Lumumba and Joseph Kasavubu, the President, he took power in a military coup and ruled for a year in which he discovered he was too young for absolute power but developed a taste for its trappings.

The Congo continued to be riven by civil wars and secessionist uprisings in Kivu and Katanga (now Shaba) until 1965, when Mr Mobutu saw his greatest chance, again the result of chaotic politics and rowing between Moise Tshombe, the Prime Minister, and Kasavubu. This time he

Kabila's henchmen prepare for power

By David Orr

PRESIDENT Mobutu will be succeeded by a transitional authority which will run Zaire for an unspecified period until elections take place. according to the proposals discussed on Thursday.

Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, agreed in talks with President Mandela of South Africa and Muhammad Sahnoun, the United Nations special envoy, to give Mr Mobutu until Monday to study the proposals.

Mr Kabila, whose rebels control three-quarters of Zaire, returned to his Lubum-

stepped out of the wings and

remained at the centre stage of

Central Africa's political dra-

ma until yesterday. Washington, fearing the

spread of communism in Afri-

ca, was delighted with the

arrival of Mr Mobutu in the

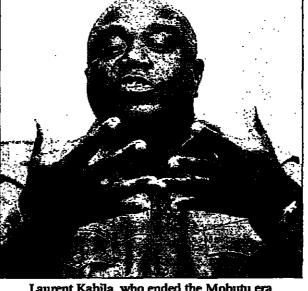
presidential palace. He had

been working with the CIA,

bashi headquarters last night and began an immediate meeting with his "Cabinet". It is understood that Mr Kabila and his Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire will dominate the interim authority.

The only concession offered to the cancer-stricken dictator is that he can stay in the country once he stands down. Although he has repeatedly confounded popular opinion by returning home after seeking medical treatment in Europe and attend-ing peace talks in Congo, the ailing President is thought unlikely to accept the offer.

which was alleged to have been behind the murder of Lumumba. His pro-capitalist inclinations would mean that the Congo's vast mineral wealth would be kept beyond the Kremlin's grasp. The West was anxious that he remain at the helm of the Congo and turned a blind eye to political



Laurent Kabila, who ended the Mobutu era

oppression, the outlawing of labour unions and banning of most political parties.

By 1970 his Popular Movement for the Revolution became the sole legal party and supreme political institution in the Congo, with President Mobutu at its head. Though the MPR used neo-Marxist

rhetoric in its public statements, the system of government was based entirely on patronage. No one outside the party stood a chance of any commercial success; loyalty was rewarded in cash directly from the central bank. The scale and extent of the

"kleptocracy" established by

Mr Mobutu was revealed by a member of his family who explained how his close associates made their millions by

ripping off the old man". "Mobutu would ask one of us to go to the bank and take out a million. We'd go to an intermediary and tell him to get five million; he would go to the bank with Mobutu's authority, and take out ten. Mobuto got one, and we took the other nine," he said chuckling over a beer in Kinshasa

before his "cash cow" left. But opposition to his rule continued to threaten to un-dermine Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngebendu wa za Banga, the name he took when he banned "Christian" names and "Western dress", which he replaced with Nehru-style suits in 1972. The year before he had changed the name of

the Congo to Zaire. In 1977 he faced another armed uprising in Katanga from remnants of Tshombe's defeated gendarmes. The West might have let him be toppled. but Washington needed Zaire as a base for covert operations with the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) next door. France and Morocco sent troops to put down the rebellion. Safe in the

would keep him in power, Mr Mobuto continued to extend his cult of personality by

had cuckoided his opponents. Members of his family still believe that Etienne Tshisekedi, leader of Zaire's civilian opposition, hates the Big Man because "he did it with Etienne's wife on the kitchen table in front of the servants", as a former Information Min-

ister put it.

With the end of the Cold
War, he lost his support from
the West and turned for solace to a team of 25 witch doctors from Benin and Senegal. They told him to ignore the symptoms of prostate cancer, which has now spread to his bones.

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For most of this decade he took a back seat, manipulating his opponents from behind the scenes and, when they got too powerful, by ordering his troops to tear Zaire's major cities to pieces in looting rampages in 1991 and 1993.

But the hubris and rule by chaos was his ultimate undoing. His nemesis, Laurent Kabila, grew out of a Tutsi rebellion in South Kivu, 1:000 miles from the capital, and expased the myth of Zaire as a functioning state.

# Property empire spans tastes and continents

Geneva: The property empire of President Mobutu stretches across continents and ranges from a prestigious Paris address to a gaudy palace in Goma with plastic

The man who diplomats allege could pay off Zaire's entire debt with a personal cheque has more than 20 luxury properties in the West and a Swiss fortune once

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to Swiss media. The Swiss villa in Savigny, bought by Mr Mobutu in 1968 for his first wife, Marie-Antoinette, who later died, contains 30 rooms and is set in vast grounds with a swimming pool and outbuildings. Its market value is \$5.5 million, according to Swiss federal police.

worth \$4 billion (£2.5 billion), according to Swiss media. The Swiss villa in under way in the southern city of Marrakesh, worth \$10 million. He also Portugal, while his Spanish interests include a luxury villa and hotel in In Morocco, a property agent said Mr Marbella and a home in Madrid. (Reuter)

has a lavish property and flats in Brussels and a holiday home in the South of France. In addition, he owns an estate in



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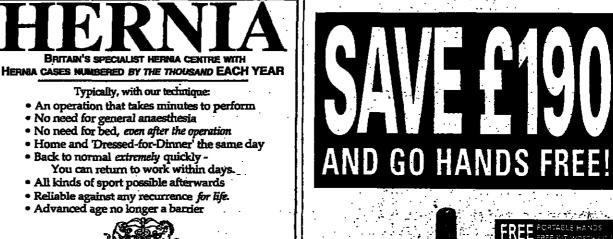
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#### Colonel admits medals deceit

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE soldier-turned-journalist who hounded the US Navy's top ranking of ficer. Admiral Mike Boorda. over the sise of unauthorised combat medals, has conceded that he has also worn decorations that he did not earn.
Boorda killed himself after the affair was made

Colonel David Hackworth told a television news programme that he was not entitled to wear two Distinguished Flying Crosses or his "Ranger tab". Military sources bave confirmed that Colonel Hackworth has gained only one DFC. The "tab" indicates that he completed one of the army's most

gruelling training courses, which he did not The coloniel sought to "clarify the discrepancy" by saying his Wolfhound Raiders, a unit in Korea, had been issued mistaken-

ly with "tabs". He has also claimed to have served with the 8th Army Rangers in Korea, but his name is not on the records. Sergeant Charles Pitt, a member of the unit, told CBS News yesterday. "He was never a member of that company and couldn't possibly have

The beleaguered journalist has now sought refuge behind the excuse that he made "an honest mistake". Ironically, this was a plea that he would not accept when he reported on the military past of



Hackworth: wore unearned honours

AMERICAN prosecutors will

seek the death penalty for the

anguished appeals for his life

to be spared from the relatives

Theodore Kaczynski, saying

they believe him to be mental-

ly ill and sought compassion-

ate consideration because they

had made his capture pos-sible But families of several of

the Unabomber's - victims

Mr Kaczynski, 54, a former

mathematics professor at

Berkeley, is suspected in an 18year string of letter-bombs

praised the decision.

# Clinton minimum wage call stirs up row on 'workfare'

From Bronwen Maddox in Washington

THE White House has called for people in "workfare" programmes to be paid the mini-mum wage, inflaming the row over one of the most contentious parts of America's huge welfare reform experiment and drawing furious reactions from Republican and Demo-

cratic state governors.

The outcome will be watched closely by the Blair Government, which has drawn on American ideas for its proposed shake-up of the welfare state and also sup-ports a minimum wage.

Governors and authors of last year's Republican-backed welfare reform laws said that the White House's long-awaited interpretation could jeopardise the nationwide experiment.

Under "workfare" schemes. people must perform community service or public-sector work in order to receive welfare. Workfare is generally directed towards poorer, less employable people than the "welfare-to-work" scheme, which aim to prise people off welfare and into proper jobs.

Under the new laws, states are allowed enormous discretion over designing incentives to reduce welfare rolls. At their most radical, such as in Wisconsin, these schemes cut off benefits entirely after five years. According to President Clinton's proposal, people performing worklare would be credited with the minimum wage of \$4.75 (£2.90) an hour. To receive the average welfare benefit of about \$370 a month, they would have to work only

Critics of Mr Clinton's decision rushed to point out that it apparently contradicts the new welfare laws, which require people to work 20 hours a week in 1997, rising to 30 hours by 2000. Some argued yesterday that the White House was wrong to treat workfare jobs as proper jobs, when many of them were "make work" tasks in the local community, such as sweeping streets or raking leaves.

The decision was widely seen as a peace offering by the

**Gangrich starts** to pay ethics fine

Washington: Newt Gingrich has paid the first \$50,000 (£31,000) of his \$300,000 ethics fine out of his personal funds (Bronwen Maddox writes). The Speaker of the House of Representatives said that he will borrow no more than \$150,000 from Bob Dole, the former Republican presidential candidate, who

White House to the labour unions which have seen many of their favourite causes jettisoned as Mr Clinton has moved the Democratic agenda towards the centre. Leaders of the public service unions have put their jobs on the line over

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Although welfare reform may offer the unions a chance to recruit new members, they see this as poor compensation for the threats the reforms may pose to existing workers. They have bitterly opposed workfare on the ground that it allows state governments to employ non-union members at below the minimum wage.

Mr Clinton's decision.

which is likely to be challenged by governors, is the second victory in a week for the unions. In New York, a state judge ruled on Monday that workfare participants must be paid the 'prevailing wage" for public-sector employees, up to \$9 an hour. Unions and state governors

are now urgently investigating whether other labour laws, such as unemployment insurance, will also cover people in workfare schemes.

Meanwhile, a new government study of the nationwide welfare reforms found that 18,000 families had been oushed off the welfare rolls in the past few years because they failed to find work.



Stu Ungar, 43, a professional gambler from Las Vegas, after winning the World Series of Poker title and the accompanying \$1 million prize at one of the casinos in the town. Mr Ungar has won the poker title twice before, in 1980 and 1981

#### **Abortion** defeat for **President** in Senate

BY BRONWEN MADDOX

THE US Senate has rejected a White House-backed bid for a moderate curb on abortion sights, clearing the way for a Republican Bill next week which seeks wider curbs and makes no exceptions for the health of the mother.

The abortion debate has been given new impetus by last November's elections, which maintained Republican control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives and replaced several leading moderate Republicans with conservatives.

The Democratic Bill pro-posed by Torn Daschle, leader of the Democratic senators, was defeated 64-36 after eight hours of impassioned debate. It would have represented a landmark in curtailing abor-tion rights by banning all abortions after the foetus was viable", at 23 to 28 weeks.

Mr Clinton backed the Bill because of a clause allowing exceptions when the woman's health was in danger. He has vetoed a previous Republican Bill lacking that clause, and opposes on the same grounds the Republican Bill to be debated next week. That Bill aims to ban "partial birth" abortion, in which the foetus's skull is crushed.

The House has already passed the measure, and the Senate looks likely to pass it. But yesterday it appeared that the Bill would fall short of the two-thirds support needed to override the President's veto.

#### **Shining Path bombs** mark terror birthday

By Gabriella Gamini, South America Correspondent

PERUS most ruthless terror group, the Maoist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) is marking the 17th anniversary of its founding by detonating a series of car bombs across the

The explosions, which have left more than 30 people injured and dozens of public buildings destroyed, are for the rebel group is making a commonts of

'Unabomber' pleas spurned

From Ian Brodge in Washington

that killed three people and

injured 23 others. The nationwide hunt by FBI had been

fruitless and they would never

have arrested Mr Kaczynski

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for the family, said Mr Kaczyński brother and

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Letts, a veteran politician. "Sendero was waiting for the right moment to return to its violent ways and chose its anniversary date."

offered to lend him the

The Shining Path began its armed campaign on May 17, 1980, by burning ballot-boxes in a tiny Andean village. The rebels campaign has claimed 30:000 lives.

ha September 1992 Shining Path's founder, Abimael Guzman, was captured. He is being held in isolation in an che see far from over. We povery stricken Peru remains

> death penalty decision and were in seclusion. He said when David Kaczynski first

came forward he expressed concern about his brother's

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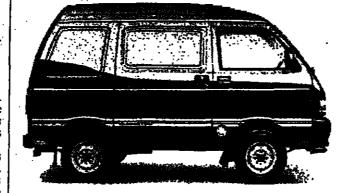
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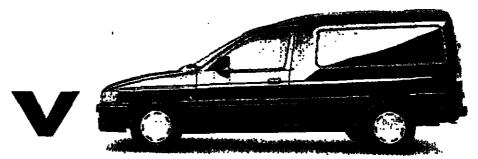
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# China keeps guard against exodus to capitalist colony

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN GUANGZHOU

THE newspaper headline read "Guangdong anti-migra-tion rehearsal" and there were, unusually for China, scenes of heavily armed paramilitary police in steel helmets battling angry young men armed with staves who were breaking down a barbed-wire barrier. "A fight between policemen and illegal migrants,"

one picture caption said. It was, of course, only an exercise — a real demonstra-tion would never be reported in the contemporary Chinese press — and Hong Kong was not mentioned, but it was clearly what the authorities had in mind.

What the pictures showed may be the worst nightmare of provincial Communist Party officials here in Guangzhou. as Canton is now called. But such future attempts to breach the border fence of Hong Kong, which lies 70 miles south of here, cannot be an unimaginable event, or such an exercise would not have

Guangdong province, bordering Hong Kong, was long touted as China's greatest success story. There was even talk then of the Pearl River north of Hong Kong, joining the four Asian "dragons" of Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

These days, although sala-ries are higher here than elsewhere in China and the cranes and the pile-drivers are still working round the clock in Guangzhou, talk is more measured. Zhang Gaoli, the Vice-Governor of this province of 70 million, said that growth in the current five-year plan was an estimated II per cent. This is down from 23 per cent

in 1993 but still high. The Shenzhen-Guangzhou six-lane expressway is a superb engineering project. It seems a good way to see the Chinese economic miracle at first hand. But the traveller soon notices that many of the blocks of flats and factories springing up stand empty. Every second building in

Guangdong seems to be a small-scale Caesar's Palace. straight from Las Vegas, one of the foreign cities that a majority of Chinese say they most want to visit. These are vast karaoke emporiums, and during the daylight hours young women hang about outside, listlessly wait-

clients arrive. Modernisation of industry has been neglected in favour of funds spent on glitzy building projects, and in many towns in Guangdong that problem is only too visi-ble. Some high-profile foreign ventures, such as Peugeot, have not fared well, and acid rain has left the environment in a pitiful state.

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Britain, once an "imperialist villain" in local legend, re-opened its consulate-general here early this year in a few cramped hotel rooms rather than the spacious buildings of the last century. Ian Wellfare, the consul-general, is upbeat about the city.

People tend to take one look at Guangzhou, sniff the foul fumes, and give the thumbs down," he said. "Certainly there is a poisonous cocktail of pollution, but Guangzhou is abuzz and its people friendly.

While there is a problem. and a drop in foreign investment last year attributable to new import taxes and inflation, most foreign businessmen are happy here and growth rates are still high by British standards. There are more than 50 British companies here and more are coming," he added.



Hong Kong marine police put high-speed dinghies through their paces yesterday as part of an unprecedented joint training exercise aimed to fight the transfer of illegal immigrants by smugglers, or "snakeheads". An ar-mada from the colony and China

#### Security net tightened for 'snakeheads'

engaged trawlers loaded with makebelieve illegal immigrants. Eighty

der and more than 3,000 Chinese border police held an exercise on vessels were deployed in waters land. The sea games in Dapeng Bay around the Hong Kong-China bor-trained border police to cope with the

city on the other, the two security

# Beijing plans bigger, better Hong Kong to ease chronic squeeze on land

FROM CATHERINE FIELD IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG'S incoming government, facing a chronic land shortage and a surging population, is contemplating a novel solu-tion: moving part of the territory

After July I, Hong Kong will come under Chinese sovereignty but will retain its distinct way of life and capitalist system, with an autonomy defined by a border fence running along its colonial boundary with the mainland.

the Chief Executive-designate, say plans are now advanced for Hong Kong to solve its land crisis by buying a huge swath of Shenzhen. the neighbouring special economic zone, and building on it a vast residential and industrial complex that would be inhabited only by

Hong Kong residents.
The area would include schools. supermarkets, hospitals and welfare centres managed along Hong Kong lines. The residents would hold special permits giving them the right to move back to Hong while on Chinese soil they would be subject to the laws of the People's Republic. The scheme would have the

advantage of easing pressure on Hong Kong's bousing market while at the same time providing cash for the authorities in Shenzhen. "What I have in mind is to co-operate with Shenzhen, to

have a border zone that is in Hong Kong and Shenzhen. We will be able to operate our business much cheaper there than in Hong Kong," said Henry Tang, a mem-

waiting and architect of the expansion plan. "The bulk of the money for the project would come from the Hong Kong Housing Association and private developers."

Among his suggestions, Mr Tang has recommended that mainlanders meeting the residency requirements for the territory could live in the Hong Kong exclave while waiting for their final clearance to enter.

"A lot of Hong Kong permanent residents have been waiting for their spouses to come to Hong

Kong for ten years, and there is no light at the end of the tunnel for them. They could live there and have access to Hong Kong services," he said.

Mr Tung has already named housing as a key area for action after he succeeds Chris Patten, the Governor, on July I. Hong Kong's population of 6.4 million is already one of the most cramped in the world. It is expected to grow by 30 per cent to 8.2 million by 2016, mainly because of an influx of mainlanders. But this figure does

thousands of Chinese who will have the right to live in Hong Kong after July 1 because spouses or relatives are living in the territory. They face a long and agonising wait because of a system that admits only 150 settlers a day into Hong Kong. Building the Shenzhen complex, whose size and date of completion have not been made clear, would help to clear the backlog of people on this

However, the scheme would raise the question of conflict of interest. The cost of infrastructure,

waiting list.

roads and sewerage, and also access to the rest of the mainland, may be borne by Hong Kong. There is already a suspicion in Hong Kong that Beijing views the territory as a fat treasure chest that should be plundered when the motherland needs it.

Despite Hong Kong's wealth, it faces a potentially perilous prob-lem in its shortage of land. Housing prices rose by an average of 30 per cent last year, placing home ownership beyond the dreams of tens of thousands of

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### Nationalists spurn hearings after Tutu accuses de Klerk

SOUTH Africa's National Party was set on a collision course with the commission investigating apartheid-era crimes when the panel's chairman. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, accused former President de Klerk of "gross human rights abuses".

After the outburst the National Party suspended participation in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and threatened legal action against the archbishop.

Archbishop Tutu choked back tears when he said he was "devastated" by Mr de Klerk's continued refusal to admit he knew of state-sponsored killings while in office. He said there was "an ava-

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lanche of information" sent to Mr de Klerk when he was President which detailed murders and torture committed by the security services.

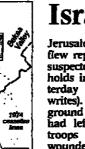
During his first appearance before the commission last year, Mr de Klerk formally apologised for the era of apartheid under his party, but refused to admit that he knew of - much less sanctioned any criminal acts against antiapartheid activists.

"I feel sorry for him, I am devastated," Archbishop Tutu said after another appearance by Mr de Klerk at a hearing on Wednesday. "All that is required is to say that we believed in this policy, but it is a policy that brought about all

of this suffering. It is a policy that killed people. Not by accident, deliberately. It was planned'."

Dr Alex Boraine, deputy chairman of the commission, said that Mr de Klerk's testimony had been contradictory. "It is our view that the National Party must accept political accountability for policies that would inevitably lead to atrocities. If you look at the legislation during the state of emergency, it was a licence

This week the African National Congress admitted "executing" 23 police agents and nine members of Umkhonto disbanded military wing).



#### Israelis attack Hezbollah

Jerusalem: Israeli warplanes flew repeated sorties against suspected Hezbollah strongholds in south Lebanon yesterday (Christopher Walker writes). Earlier, the worst ground exchanges this year had left three Israeli paratroops dead and seven wounded, and killed at least two Hezbollah guerrillas. An Israeli helicopter also

destroyed a Lebanese army vehicle. The air attacks followed a Hezbollah ambush late on Thursday, more than a mile north of the security zone. An Israeli brigadiergeneral said new Hezbollah weapons had hampered Israeli helicopters. They are believed to be Stinger missiles originally sent to Afghan guerrillas by America.



Mother Teresa is welcomed by nuns of her order on arriving in Rome yesterday to meet the Pope

#### Mother Teresa is taken ill in Rome

FROM RICHARD OWE IN ROME.

MOTHER TERESA of Calcutta, known as the "Saint of the Gutters" for her lifelong work caring for the lowest of the low in the Haid World. was taken ill on arriving in Rome yesterday for a meeting

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with the Pope.
Doctors, said the Albanian born nun, 86, who underwent heart surgery three times last year and has lung and kidney disorders, was given oxygen for 20 minutes at Rome airport. But she was "in good spirits" after recovering from the long journey and was resting at a convent of the Missionaries of Charity, the

order she founded in 1947. Mother Teresa, who retired as head of the order in March, will outline to the Pope a plan for "rehabilitating" the thousands of prostitutes who haunt rundown areas of Rome, many of them from Albania. Yesterday she brought four Indian babies to Rome for

adoption by Italian families.

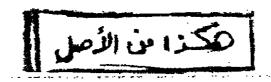
The Vatican meeting is expected to advance Mother Teresa's candidacy for eventual beatification and sainthood.

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# Deal grants Russians unique Nato access while denying veto

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE text of the new Nato-Russia security deal guarantees Moscow a unique insight into alliance affairs but withholds from Moscow arry right of veto.

The wording of the text, which was formally approved by Nato ambassadors in Brussels yester-day, makes it clear that, although Russia will be granted special consultation rights on security issues, the alliance will continue to

have total freedom to take whatever action it feels necessary, with or without Moscow's approval.

This was considered by Nato to he a vital part of the Nato-Russia agreement, and when Javier Solana, the alliance's Secretary-General, returned from Moscow on Wednesday after the successful negotiations with Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, he was given a standing ovation.

The clause in the text which underlines Nato's freedom to act belies the impression given by

President Yeltsin that Moscow would have a defining role in alliance decision-making.

The new agreement, which will be signed in Paris on May 27, will be called the "Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Co-operation and Security between Nato and the Russian Federation".

As part of the new consultation arrangements, Russia will appoint an ambassador to Nato and will send liaison officers to some of the alliance command headquarters. Nato will also have liaison officers command centres, although not in regional headquarters, such as the vast nuclear submarine facility at Murmansk on the Kola peninsula.

Apart from a Russian Ambassador to Nato, Moscow will also send a civilian and military staff to Brussels. There will also be a secretariat to serve the new Nato-Russia Permanent Joint Council, the proposed forum for all

The Nato building will be so crowded that arrangements are premises to house the Russians, possibly connected by a private access road. By 1999, there will also be at least three new members of the alliance: Poland, the Czech

Republic and Hungary. After studying the agreed text of the new deal with Russia, senior Nato sources said: "There is nothing in it which will make us choke. It includes an unambiguous statement that, after consultation with Russia, Nato will still be free to act as it sees fit. This was the bottom

line for the alliance and the new security accord with Russia message in the agreement is quite However, they acknowledged

that the deal would give the Russians a "unique and special status". We have also told the Russians

beginning and that, as the relationship improves, their role could become even more significant," one source said.

that this agreement is just the

On a visit to Bonn yesterday, Senor Solana underlined that the

would not prevent the alliance from developing military infrastructures in the new member countries. Nato has included in the text a declaration that it has no intention or plan to deploy nuclear weapons or substantial conventional forces on the territory of new member states.

Yesterday's approval by alliance amhassadors of the text of the Nato-Russia act was unanimous. It has yet to be formally approved

# Bonn attacked on gold 'witchcraft' to plug budget deficit

Finance Minister, yesterday ducked and weaved through an angry parliamentary de bate criticising his planned use of German gold reserves to plug the country's yawning

budget deficit.
This is not a trick, it is current practice," he said to opposition jeers. There would be no gold sales. Herr Waigel declared, and the Government would "guarantee the standing of the central bank and our

The minister, who confirmed that he would move quickly to sell off some of Bonn's stake in Deutsche Telekom, said that the emer-gency measures would help to offset the financial burden of German unification. However, Ingrid Matthaeus-Maier, of the Social Democrat opposition said: The German Government is facing an un-precedented financial crisis. You are making a mockery of us all." Although Herr Waigel brushed off the criticism, there were clear signs that his ambitious scheme to keep Bonn on course for economic and monetary union could destroy German trust in the

An article in the mass circulation Bild newspaper described his proposal to raise the value of Bundesbank gold reserves as "witchcraft". Even Lamberto Dini, the Italian Foreign Minister, said the German plan could jeopardise monetary union.

As the German Govern-

their one-day squad

to face the Australians.

Far from helping Germany to meet monetary union targets, many believe tampering with reserves will jeopardise the euro, Roger Boyes writes from Bonn

desperate measures to meet the Maastricht fiscal criteria, so the attractiveness of postponing monetary union in-creases for those outside the political class. Dr Wilhelm Nölling, a former-member of the Bundesbank Council, will visit Britain and France next week to plead for a joint initiative to postpone the euro. "I regard the British Govern-

6 This is an unprecedented financial crisis. You are making a mockery of us all 9

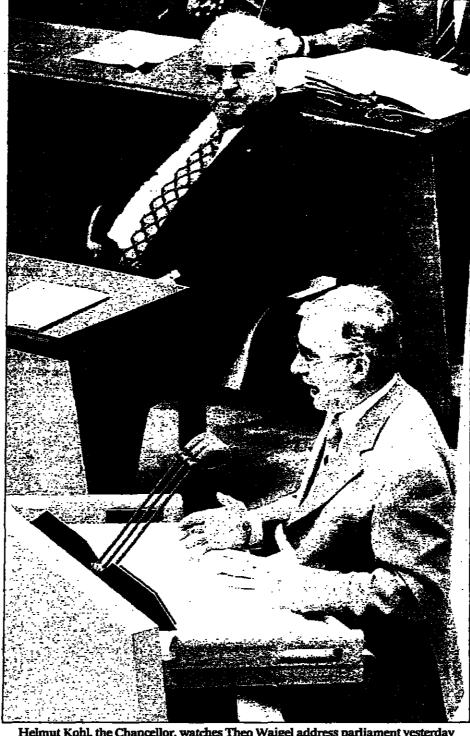
ment's decision to give its central bank independence, while leaving anti-inflation policy to the Government, as a good model for the future European Central Bank," he said in an interview with The Times. "Why not change the whole present framework for the Enropean Cantral Banks.

Le is in any case far too Start European moneone of many voices yesterday urging extreme caution in the use of gold reserves. For years the Bundesbank resisted pressure from Social Democrat politicians to increase the val-

ue of its gold.

It has been able to fend off these appeals partly because Bundesbank law says gold should be valued at its purchase price, and the bank bought cheaply. "Now Waigel is up to his neck in water and the bank is regarded as a gold mine." Dr Nölling said. Financial experts were yes

terday trying to work out how Herr Waigel could make use of the 95 million ounces of gold reserves. Most analysts ar-gued that the Bundesbank law would have to be changed by the summer. However, Bundesbank accounts run until December 31; a transfer of profits to the Government could be expected only by spring 1998, which would be too late for Germany to achieve the finely tuned arithmetic of monetary union. Another solution might be for the Bundesbank to sell some gold and immediately buy it back, which would allow it to make a transfer within the esent financial year.



# **Bartering begins** to forge 'son of Maastricht' pact

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE countdown to a revamped Maastricht treaty began in earnest yesterday when negotiators sought to clear the ground for a final trade-off among European Union leaders in Amsterdam.

After 14 months of hard grind, the imminent deadline and the arrival of a more Euro-friendly British Govern-ment have fuelled hopes that the mid-June summit will produce a deal which retunes the Maastricht machine and sets the scene for shifting the EU frontier eastwards into the

former Soviet bloc. Doug Henderson, Britain's new EU Minister, yesterday joined his 14 fellow negotiators near Maastricht in an attempt by the Dutch to narrow continuing differences over ways to equip the Union with greater powers over crime, frontiers and defence policy. In return for its exemption over borders. London will be expected to give ground in its resistance to endowing the EU with a defence mandate.

France and Germany are pressing for the EU to take over the Western European Union, the European wing of Nato, but the scheme is likely to be diluted in the face of opposition from Britain and

the neutral states. The hopeful mood at the intergovernmental conference (IGC) contrasts with the pessimism that reigned earlier this year amid talk of deferring the treaty to another summit in the autumn. The main potential spanner in the works for the Dutch EU presidency is the French general election, which ends only two weeks before the summit. The emers ing "son of Maastricht" falls far short of the political makeover desired by Germany and other federal-minded states. German officials are grumbling that the Blair administration is almost as resistant to change as its Tory predecessor. The Government is more sceptical than the Major team about the wisdom of setting up a system that would allow states to club together with new joint policies, leaving out unwilling

The new treaty will go some way to steamlining the way the EU does business and seeks to answer continental criticism that Maastricht detached the Union from its peoples. Among features aimed at "bringing Europe closer to the citizens" is an agreement on lifting internal frontiers, and pooling forces to administer visas and fight

Britain has been promised an exemption from common border control and will be allowed to stay out of moves to centralise some police work. The Union's desire to respond to public anxiety is also on display in an "employment chapter" which will commit governments' jobs policies to joint scrutiny. Allegations of EU paralysis over foreign policy will be only partly

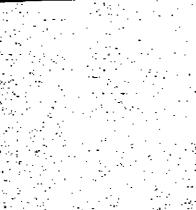
answered by a system of "constructive abstention", which skirts the problem of a blocking veto. EU leaders stage a dress rehearsal for Amsterdam when they assemble for a one-day session on the Dutch a coast next

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# Former rebel chief who fought Algerian independence takes up Le Pen's banner in South of France

# Warrior for the Front line

THIRTY years ago. Jean-Jacques Susini was an exile from France, where two death sentences were hanging over him, the second for organising a plot to assassinate President de Gaulle. As one of the principal leaders of the Secret Army Organisation (OAS) — the group of rebel French soldiers and hardline Algerian pieds noirs who had launched a brutal terror campaign to resist Algerian independence - M Susini was one of the most wanted men

Today the Government in Paris has fresh reason to fear him, for M Susini has emerged from obscurity to stand as a candidate for the extreme-right National Front in north Marseilles. In a constituency of raging unem-

MARSEILLES FILE by BEN MACINTYRE for the xenophobic, ultra-

nationalist Front, he has a good chance of ousting the Communists, who have held the seat since 1936. In the pied noir community in Marseilles he is greeted by many as a returning hero, a symbol of a war none has forgotten.

A balding man of 63, M Susini this week seemed a far cry from the shadowy propaganda chief for the rebel OAS. whose militants killed 2,000 people. At that time M Susini was among the most capable defenders of "l'Algérie Francaise"; now he shows the same determination to protect what the Front calls France Française". The battlefield has changed, but the language is uncannily reminiscent of the earlier conflict.

"I am here to defend the human historical landscape of France," the Corsican-born nationalist declares, citing immigration and la mondialisation, the fear that France is being swamped by foreign influences, as the twin scourges of modern society. On the subject of his former

#### Sunk without a quick flotation

THE vast family of sailing hoats that clusters along the Mediterranean shore has lost what must be considered their oldest ancestor when the Pount, a replica of the boats used by the Phoenicians circa 600 BC, sank. The vessel was lovingly built by André Gil-Artagnan to see if such a craft could make a voyage around the whole of Africa, as claimed by history or legend. This M Gil-Artagnan and the Pount did, between 1988 and 1991, after which she

went into dignified retirement at anchor in the navy arsenal at Toulon — until this month when she abruptly went down — due, he says, to a "gust of wind". M Gil-Artagnan is feverishly trying to raise FFr60.000 (£6.400) to raise the Pount and send her to Bordeaux, where a museum has agreed to house the vessel. He is not hopeful about the funds, and predicts the voyage to the bottom of Toulon

nying the candidate through the backstreets of Marseilles, M Susini's past is precisely the reason for his candidature. "This is a courageous man. He was always in the vanguard," said Thomas Sarsampa, 65, a veteran of the OAS's elite Delta Commando. "We were never terrorists. We were protecting people," he declared.

life, M Susini is guarded.

"My past is my honour, let us

says. But for many accompa-

about the future," he

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Condemned to death in absentia for his part in OAS military activities. M Susini took refuge in Italy, where he planned the assassination of de Gaulle, considered a traitor by the OAS for "surrendering" Algeria. The abortive plot earned M Susini another death sentence. He won a final amnesty in 1987.

The decision of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the Front leader, to parachute his friend into Marseilles was clever. In the last parliamentary election here, 45 per cent of secondmund votes went to the Front. Vitrolles, the latest town captured by lepénistes, is a few minutes' drive away and, M Le Pen believes, winning a seat in Marseilles would confirm the rolling momentum of



Jean-Jacques Susini: was once one of France's most wanted men

#### Tapie hones passing skills in fraud case

FRENCH sports fans have been treated this week to a virtuoso display of passing the bock by former officials of the Marseilles football team.

At issue is the question of who, precisely, was responsible for the disap-pearance of Fri00 million (£11 million) from the accounts of the club, which won the European Championship in 1993. Among those charged are Bernard Taple, the disgraced former Socialist minister and tycoon-turned-film-star, his former finance manager, his personal assistant. the ex-manager of his business empire and Michel Hidalgo, one-time French national football coach and sporting director at Marseilles.

In the first few, baffling days of testimony, every co-defendant in turn denied responsibility, blamed every other co-defendant or insisted they were obeying orders. As usual, the flamboyant Tapie was most eloquent. "I set the menu and the others did the cooking," he said. explaining why he was not responsible for what happened to the missing cash.

The charges against Tapie — of fraud, misuse of company funds and falsifying

documents - carry a maximum sentence of five years in prison. Like the other members of his former management team, the fallen football boss has shown rare passing skills, but even if he avoids the latest tackle by the French legal system M Tapie is likely to be off games for some time. He is now serving an eight-month



Skopje given poll ultimatum Macedonia Square by 40,000 FROM TOM WALKER

THE leading right-wing opposition party in Macedonia last night vowed to continue mass demonstrations in Skopje until the Government of Branko Crvenkovski, the Prime Minister, resigns and fresh polls are called before autumn.

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seven days to reply to his party's demands. There is a large critical mass of people who are not satisfied with their economic situation." Mr Georgievski declared. The VMRO has control of them for the moment, but one day there could be another Albania." By last night, there was still no response from the left-wing

#### Harare street bypasses imperial past

Harare: Further remnants of empire are to be wiped off the Zimbabwean capital's map next week when the name of South Africa's President Mandela replaces that of the Victorian English explorer Sir Samuel Baker on the signs for a busy Harare street (Jan Raath writes).

Harare city council announced yesterday that signs for Baker Avenue, commemorating the discoverer of Uganda's Lake Albert and the Murchison Falis, would be removed in time for an unveiling ceremony honouring Mr Mandela on Monday soon after he arrives here for a three day state visit.

John Speke, discoverer of the Nile's source, is the last Briton remembered in a street name.

## Italy steps up hunt for killer who stalks lonely widows

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

POLICE in southern Italy said yesterday that they were hunting a serial killer who preys on elderly women, mostly widows, living on their own. The killer - assumed to be a man - has struck seven times in the past year in Puglia in the heel of Italy, most recently on Wednesday when Pasqua Ludovico, 86, who lived on her

own, was found in a pool of blood in her ground floor flat at Castellaneta, near Taranto. As in other serial killings, the murders follow a pattern; the victims have all been women in their seventies and eighties, and have all had their

throats cut. The killer does not interfere with them sexually, and alsacked, with drawers and cupboards turned out, no valuables are taken. In all seven cases, police said, the bodies were laid out neatly on the floor and bore no signs of bruising or fractures. The killings have all taken place on a Wednesday or Thursday evening, at a time when there

was a big football match on Italy is still haunted by memories of the "Monster of

Florence", the serial killer who murdered courting couples in the woods around Florence between 1968 and 1985. In 1994 Pietro Pacciani, an elderly farm labourer, was convicted of the murders. Last year he was freed on appeal, but he is

autumn after new evidence from witnesses and alleged fellow members of a gang of murderous "Peeping Toms". Three of his alleged accomplices go on trial separately The first murder by the man

the Italian press has dubbed the "Monster of Puglia" took place in Lucera, near Foggia, in April last year when an 85year-old woman was killed. In five of the murders the killer has used a knife and in two cases a screwdriver.

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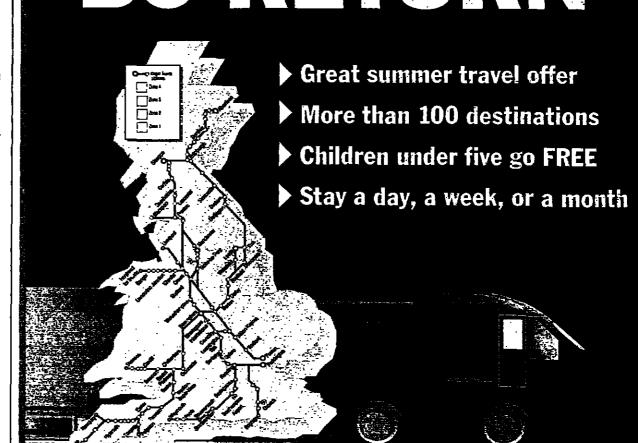
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# Deal grants Russians unique Nato access while denying veto

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THE text of the new Nato-Russia security deal guarantees Mescow; be a vital part of the Nato-Russia a unique insight into alliance affairs but withholds from Mos-

cow any right of veto. was formally approved by Nato ambassadors in Brussels yester-day, makes it clear that, although Russia will be granted special

er action it feels necessary, with or without Moscow's approval.

Thus was considered by Nato to agreement, and when Javier Solana, the alliance's Secretary-General, returned from Moscow ow any right of veto.

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The wording of the text, which on Wednesday after the successful negotiations with Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, he was given a standing ovation.

The clause in the text which consultation rights on security underlines Nato's freedom to act issues, the alliance will continue to belies the impression given by

President Yeltsin that Moscow in Moscow and other central being made to rent adjoining would have a defining role in alliance decision-making.

The new agreement, which will be signed in Paris on May 27, will be called the "Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Co-operation and Security between Nato and the Russian Federation".

As part of the new consultation arrangements, Russia will appoint an ambassador to Nato and will send liaison officers to some of the alliance command headquarters. Nato will also have liaison officers command centres, although not in regional headquarters, such as the vast nuclear submarine facility at Murmansk on the Kola peninsula.

Apart from a Russian Ambassador to Nato. Moscow will also send a civilian and military staff to Brussels. There will also be a secretariat to serve the new Nato-Russia Permanent Joint Council, proposed forum for all

The Nato building will be so crowded that arrangements are premises to house the Russians, possibly connected by a private access road. By 1999, there will also be at least three new members of the alliance: Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

After studying the agreed text of the new deal with Russia, senior Nato sources said: "There is nothing in it which will make us choke. It includes an unambiguous statement that, after consultation with Russia, Nato will still be free to act as it sees fit. This was the bottom

message in the agreement is quite

However, they acknowledged that the deal would give the Russians a "unique and special

"We have also told the Russians that this agreement is just the beginning and that, as the relationship improves, their role could become even more significant," one source said.

On a visit to Bonn yesterday, Señor Solana underlined that the

would not prevent the alliance from developing military infrastructures in the new member countries. Nato has included in the text a declaration that it has no intention or plan to deploy nuclear weapons or substantial conventional forces on the territory of new member states.

Yesterday's approval by alliance ambassadors of the text of the Nato-Russia act was unanimous. It has yet to be formally approved

# Bonn attacked on gold 'witchcraft' to plug budget deficit

ducked and weaved through an angry parliamentary de-bate criticising his planned use of German gold reserves to plug the country's yawning

This is not a trick, it is current practice," he said to opposition jeers. There would be no gold sales, Herr Waigel declared, and the Government would "guarantee the standing of the central bank and our currency".

The minister, who confirmed that he would move quickly to sell off some of Bonn's stake in Deutsche Telekom, said that the emergency measures would help to offset the financial burden of German unification. However. Ingrid Matthaeus-Maier, of the Social Democrat opposi-tion said: "The German Government is facing an un-precedented financial crisis." You are making a mockery of us all." Although Herr Waigel brushed off the criticism, there were clear signs that his ambitious scheme to keep Bonn on course for economic and monetary union could destroy German trust in the project

An article in the mass circulation Bild newspaper described his proposal to raise the value of Bundesbank gold reserves as "witchcraft". Even Lamberto Dini, the Italian Foreign Minister, said the German plan could jeopardise monetary union.

As the German Government resorts to increasingly

Far from helping Germany to meet monetary union targets, many believe tampering with reserves will jeopardise the euro, Roger Boyes writes from Bonn

desperate measures to meet the Maastricht fiscal criteria, so the attractiveness of postponing monetary union increases for those outside the political class. Dr Wilhelm Nölling, a former member of the Bundesbank Council, will visit Britain and France next week to plead for a joint initiative to postpone the euro. "I regard the British Govern-

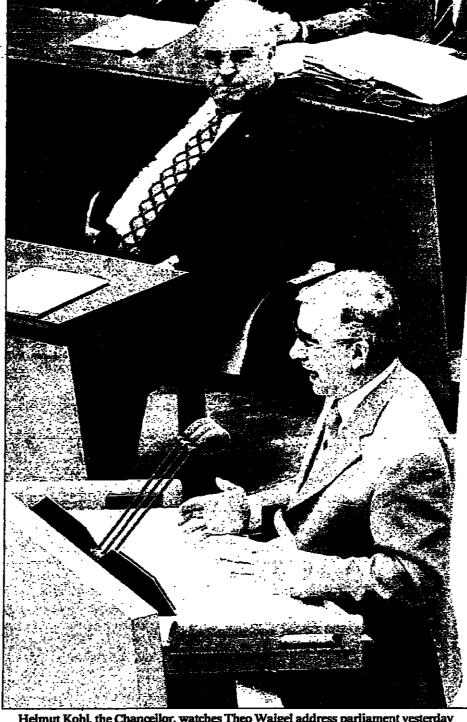
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ment's decision to give its central bank independence, while leaving anti-inflation policy to the Government, as a good model for the future European Central Bank," he said in an interview with The Times. Why not change the whole present framework for the European General Bank? In any case far too east to shion. Dr. Nölling was one of many voices yesterday urging extreme caution in the use of gold reserves. For years the Bundesbank resisted pressure from Social Democrat politicians to increase the value of its gold.

It has been able to fend off these appeals partly because Bundesbank law says gold should be valued at its purchase price, and the bank bought cheaply. "Now Waigel is up to his neck in water and the bank is regarded as a gold mine," Dr Nölling said. Financial experts were yes-

terday trying to work out how Herr Waigel could make use of the 95 million ounces of gold reserves. Most analysts argued that the Bundesbank law would have to be changed by the summer. However, Bundesbank accounts run until December 31; a transfer of profits to the Government could be expected only by spring 1998, which would be too late for Germany to achieve the finely tuned arithmetic of monetary union. Another solution might be for the Bundesbank to sell some gold and immediately buy it back, which would allow it to make a transfer within the

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Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, watches Theo Waigel address parliament yesterday

# **Bartering begins** to forge 'son of Maastricht' pact

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE countdown to a revamped Maastricht treaty began in earnest yesterday when negotiators sought to clear the ground for a final trade-off among European Union leaders in Amsterdam.

After 14 months of hard grind, the imminent deadline and the arrival of a more Euro-friendly British Govern-ment have fuelled hopes that the mid-June summit will produce a deal which retunes the Maastricht machine and sets the scene for shifting the EU frontier eastwards into the former Soviet bloc.

Doug Henderson, Britain's new EU Minister, yesterday joined his 14 fellow negotiators near Maastricht in an attempt by the Dutch to narrow continuing differences over ways to equip the Union with greater powers over crime, frontiers and defence policy. In return for its exemption over borders. London will be expected to give ground in its resistance to endowing the EU with a defence mandate.

France and Germany are pressing for the EU to take over the Western European Union, the European wing of Nato, but the scheme is likely to be diluted in the face of opposition from Britain and the neutral states.

The hopeful mood at the intergovernmental conference (IGC) contrasts with the pessimism that reigned earlier this year amid talk of deferring the treaty to another summit in the autumn. The main potential spanner in the works for the Dutch EU presidency is the French general election, which ends only two weeks

before the summit. The emerging "son of Maastricht" falls makeover desired by Germany and other federal-minded states. German officials are grumbling that the Blair administration is almost as resistant to change as its Tory predecessor. The Government is more sceptical than the Major team about the wisdom of setting up a system that would allow states to club together with new joint policies, leaving out unwilling members.

The new treaty will go some way to steamlining the way the EU does business and seeks to answer continental criticism that Maastricht detached the Union from its peoples. Among features aimed at "bringing Europe closer to the citizens" is an agreement on lifting internal frontiers, and pooling forces to administer visas and fight

Britain has been promised an exemption from common border control and will be allowed to stay out of moves to centralise some police work. The Union's desire to respond to public anxiety is also on display in an "employment chapter" which will commit governments' jobs policies to joint scrutiny. Allegations of EU paralysis over foreign policy will be only partly answered by a system of "constructive abstention", which skirts the problem of a blocking veto. EU leaders stage a dress rehearsal for Amsterdam when they assemble for a one-day session on the Dutch North Sea coast next Friday.

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# The reformer all Russians love to hate

The historian Orlando Figes reflects on Gorbachev's remarkable unpopularity

few weeks ago the regu-lars of a Surrey pub were bemused by the spectacle of Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev drinking a pint of bitter at their bar. Though he genially signed the menu, the former Soviet leader still stands on his dignity. Accompanied by four bodyguards, he likes to be addressed by his defunct presidential title, and gives the impression of a man convinced of his destiny.

Yet the collapse of Gorbachev's personal prestige among his coun-trymen has been as emphatic as the ruin of the empire over which he presided between 1985 and 1991. Today in Russia hardly anyone has a kind word for him: communists. nationalists and democrats are united only by their contempt. In last year's presidential elections he polled less than I per cent.

So why is Gorbachev so unpopular in the country which he helped to liberate? He appears unable to explain it, judging from his Memoirs. When asked this question by Clive Anderson during his visit here last year, he turned it around:

Why am I so popular in the West?" Perhaps the adulation which Gorbachev continues to receive abroad has made it harder for him to comprehend his low esteem in Russia. He seems to believe that the people will recall him from the wilderness, like a Churchill or de Gaulle. On the face of it, that should not be impossible. There are

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plenty of potential votes among the malcontents of Yeltsin's Russia: bluecollar workers, the unemployed, the impoverished pensioners and intelligentsia. A marriage of convenience with Aleksandr Lebed or Grigori Yavlinsky --both of whom were promoted by Gorbachev -

could in theory propel the fallen leader back to the centre stage of Russian politics. Yet as every Russian knows, that will never come to pass. Gorbachev is politically dead and it would be suicide for any of the major players in Yeltsin's succession to associate his name with theirs.

There is a deeper explanation for the strength of feeling against Gorbachev than the one which is usually advanced: that he has become a scapegoat for the crisis in Russia today. The deeper explanation is, I think, to be found in Russian culture and history.

To be sure. Gorbachev is blamed for the chaos which has ensued from the collapse of communism. Although the fall in average living standards, the crime and the corruption are much more the result of Yeltsin's policies, they are seen to stem from Gorbachev's reforms.

In a deeply polarised society.

moreover, there is little sympathy for Gorbachev's "middle way". Communists and Russian nationalists cannot forgive him for destroying the Soviet Union, and many denounce him as an agent of the West. But democrats and non-Russian nationalists believe his reforms aimed to strengthen communism and deceive the West (which they saw as their ally) into an acceptance of the Soviet regime. There is a parallel in Russian history here. Gorbachev's real strength as a reformer was manifested inside the party, in his ability to manage its diversions and reset its agenda surreptitiously to avoid the sort of head-on clash with the hardliners which had brought down Khrushchev. Gorbachev's talents, in other words, were not geared towards the new world of

mass democratic politics. He may be compared in this respect to Petr Stolypin, the Prime Minister of Russia between 1906 and 1911. Both men were bravely committed to the reform of an old and decaying autocratic system of

which they were products, yet both failed because they approached it with too many blinkers from that

monolithic, bureaucratic world. Like Stolypin, Gorbachev did nothing to compete with the democratic forces largely created by his reforms. By failing to seek a democratic mandate for his presidency, he emphasised the fact that he had been selected to that post by the discredited nomenklatura, the party bureaucracy. When he was elected President of Russia his authority was further undermined.

Even more decisively. Gorbachev failed to realise the importance of founding a new party, or of splitting off the social democratic wing of the Communist Party, as a base of mass support for his reforms. Like Stolypin, he tried to impose his reforms from above and never really moved outside the old bureaucracy to mobilise support. Once that system collapsed he was left without a legacy.

Gorbachev's refusal to step out

from the shadows of the Commu-nist apparatus is another reason for the Russian people's deep mistrust of him. Russians often complain that they never really knew where Gorbachev stood. Did he want to end the communist system or reform it? What was his role in the bloody suppression of the Baltic and Georgian nationalists? And what was he really thinking during the putsch of August 1991? Many

people feel they have not had proper answers. The Russian people have a long tradition of mistrusting secret rulers. Peasants blamed the cruel actions of the Tsar on the "evil boyars", the noble bureaucrats, or "dark forces" such as Rasputin, who suppos-

edly surrounded him. Yeltsin in this sense has more in common with popular traditions of political culture. People know his faults but feel that he is at least a devil they know. Yeltsin's faults his heavy drinking and exuberance, his crude peasant manners and mode of speech - they may even recognise as their own.

orbachev, by contrast, comes across as a clever J cornes across and so as duplications. Against all the eviice. Russians still believe that he must have been involved in the August putsch, that he sympathised with the hardline plotters and waited to see if they succeeded before deciding what to do.

Here too there is a parallel in history. The Kornilov putsch of August 1917 was, like that of 1991, an attempt to compel the premier, Aleksandr Kerensky, to support a state of emergency and suppress democracy. Although Kerensky, like Gorbachev, undermined the coup by refusing to become its figurehead, he himself was widely blamed for it, not least because he had promoted Kornilov to command the army. His credibility collapsed. When the Bolshevik revolution came two months later, no one wanted to defend Kerensky.

On a visit to London in 1970, shortly before his death aged 89. Kerensky signed himself in a hotel register as "Prime Minister of Russia". To the end, Kerensky believed in his own destiny as the last legitimate leader of the shortlived Russian Republic. It seems as if Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, may share Kerensky's melancholy fate.

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#### Scots would be proud to fund a new parliament building in Edinburgh, says Magnus Linklater

t was, in its way, a small moment of history — the unveiling to the Scottish people by a Scottish Secretary of the questions to be posed in a referen-dum which would establish the legitimacy of a Scottish Parliament. "I agree that there should be a Scottish Parliament." Or alternatively, "I do not agree that there should be a Scottish Parliament." Simple really. One wondered why it had taken 390 years to dream them up. True, Mr Secretary Dewar sounded more like a family solicitor announcing an unexpected bequest than the herald of a new

era, but there we were — the process had begun.

Back in Edinburgh I strolled past
the building where, Donald Dewar had assured us, the parliament The Royal High School certainly looks the part. Built about 170 years ago by Thomas Hamilton in the Athenian style, it is a copy of the Temple of Theseus, all pediments and pillars, standing four square on a curve of the Calton Hill, looking out over Holyrood and the Canongate. Good views, however, do not a parliament make. The more I thought about it, the more I realised that this building just would not do. Sooner or later it would have to be replaced. For a start, Theseus could hardly be a less suitable role model - he was, after all, a unionist rather than a devolver, the architect of the political reform that welded the commuScotland deserves a bonnier House

nities of Attica into one state. More important, the place is too small, too cramped, too confronta-tional for the new model parliament that is being planned. Its debating chamber is a cockpit of a place, its narrow floor surrounded by raked seats which rear above it. It seems designed as a forum for altercation and hostility rather than civilised discussion. It is less open than even the House of Commons — yet it is precisely the yah-boo atmosphere of the Commons that everyone is attempting to avoid. The galleries that surround it provide inadequate room for the press and the public. There would be limited office space for members and although there is, surprisingly, a tunnel linking it to the old Scottish Office building across the road, the idea of members having to scurry along this in answer to the division bells is absurd.

The fact is that the High School was purpose-built for the 19th century rather than the 21st. However imaginatively adapted, it would still end up as a spatchcock

better. Edinburgh has a great tradition of fine public buildings erected by philanthropists down the ages to house its schoolchildren, its lawyers, its doctors and, yes, its parliamentarians. At the same time, Scotland has a long and distinguished history of architec-tural achievement — from the Adam brothers through Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Alexander "Greek" Thomson to Robert Lorimer and Basil Spence. The time has come to revive that tradition and draw on that history.

The best idea would be an international architectural competition to design a parliament for the new millennium. It should encourage the most visionary of buildings, one that would do for Edinburgh what the opera house did for Sydney, or the Beaubourg for Paris. It could, if the citizens of Edinburgh were able to overcome their notorious conservatism, be built on the north side of the Calton Hill, where plans for a

since I can remember. Alternatively it could be constructed in Leith, where the old docks have given way to a new town and where, recently, the brand new Scottish Office opened for business.

I hope such a competition could be won by a Scottish architect, but I am not chauvinistic about it. The Scandinavian architects who have set new standards for creative design would instinctively recognise the Scottish challenge. I would be delighted for a Dutch or German architect to win - in both countries the symbolic importance of grand new public buildings has been recognised. I have nothing against Messrs Richard Rogers and Norman Foster, who seem to be ubiquitous on these occasions. but I would hope that something different came along. The last major competition in Scotland for the new National Museum in Edinburgh — produced 370 entries from all over the world, and was won by a Scot. So anything is

To all of which the deadening response is likely to be aye, but who pays? One answer is that the who pays? One answer is that the money could simply come out of the block grant from Westminster. On Thursday Mr Dewar revealed that the £5 million which the referendum will cost would come out of that grant, adding that this was hardly excessive given a Soutish Office budget of £16 billion. So £100 million more or so would be little. million more or so would be little more than a dent. But that would spoil the whole point of the exercise. The proper solution is for the money to be raised in Scotland by Scots. What could be more symbol ic of the enterprise and self-sufficiency which this new parliament is meant to embody than a great new building paid for by the country it represents?

In the old days, great monu-ments were erected by public subscription. The modern equiva-lent is the lottery. A combination of lottery funds contributed in Scotland, a Scottish Office allocation and, finally, a fixed share of that famous tartan tax would give every Scot a sense that they had made a personal contribution. It would be parliament for the people, paid for by the people. And the result would be something in which all of them could take legitimate pride. I cannot think of a better atmo-

sphere in which to launch a great

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# A Wapping for the Garden

very word written this week about Covent Garden opera was nonsense. why the public will subsidise grand opera. One is to afford an exquisite experience to those who love opera and can get a ticket. Lucky them. The other is to give taxpayers some compensating thrill. At present that thrill is a feast of glamour, malice, anger, envy, anguish and extrava-gance, laid out for their delectation

at regular intervals.

Covent Garden has recently passed both tests with flying colours. Its operatic output is as good as ever. The recent Mastersingers was top-flight. Reviews of Elektra last week indicated a triumph. If anarchy has indeed a role in art, the more of it the better. As for indulging the public's Schaden-freude, the week has been incomparable. Covent Garden's "second chorus" of critics and quote-makers have surpassed themselves.

I have lost count of the malaises, demoralisations, panic-strickens, misery crescendos and "all-timelows" of the opera press. The new Royal Opera chairman, Lord Chadlington, is variously a Machiavellian Graderind Wodehousian silly ass" (The Times). His board are "a bunch of amateurs" (The Independent) and the management "a juggling of fruit and veg" (The Daily Tele-graph). To The Guardian. Covent Garden was nothing less than "a story about British society, with

All this is because a new chief executive at the Opera House, Genista McIntosh, has not worked out after four months in the job. These things happen. In other businesses, executives come and 20 without such fuss. But here was a resignation with added Pavarotti indeed with added Bernard Haitink and Darcy Bussell, not to mention an earl, a baron, a rich heiress, Otello, daggers, coups, masked balls and the Mastersingers of Nuremberg.

So there is no point in pretending. Part at least of the pleasure that the wider public derives from an institution such as Covent Garden is in opera as soap. Like the Royal Family and the Conservative Party, the story is dull when things go well but glorious when they are going wrong. Last year's documentary The House was an enthralling tale of artistic folk living through hell. The opera house is a stick of national furniture which we love to kick. Opera may be Carlyle's "speech of angels", but its reporting is a dirge of the damned.

What is it the critics want? I have read the answer a dozen times this

Like old Fleet Street, the Royal Opera House is ripe for a revolution. But will its patrons cross picket lines?



week. They want a Royal Opera House that is managed by true opera-lovers and not "money men". They want a state-of-the-art house full of gizmos. They want jobsecurity for a unionised workforce that is shockingly demoralised and exploited. They want "affordable" ticket prices and a subsidy that is "enough" yet not politically embarrassing. They want the world's best singers and conductors doing modern not "canary" operas. They want the best. They want to be free of the dead hand of sponsorship.

Why, ask the critics, don't the idiots who sit on the Covent Garden and Arts Council boards just do it? Stop fruiting around with grocers, bureaucrats and consultants and "give the artists the resources they need". The great and good in the royal box should stop meddling in art. They should hand over the money, all of it, or stand

condemned as philistines. The great and good have been doing this for decades. Sheer exhaustion has set in. When, some eight years ago, Lord Sainsbury and Vivien Duffield offered to match public money for a new Covent Garden building, push came to shove. Delay followed on delay. Costs continued to rise and met an ever-stickier Treasury response. Something had to give. The prospect of temporary closure inevitably led to some thinking the unthinkable.

My own industry has been through this pain. I was not party to the Wapping adventure, but there was the same wide agreement that management must seize the right to manage and unions must

submit to cost-cutting. The trouble was always, "No pain please, we're liberals". It was a case of those behind cried Forward/ And those before cried Back". In the past, the unions had always won. At Vapping they lost.

Many journalists will still not admit that the battle transformed an industry and enabled Britain to keep the range of titles it has today. At the time, observers prayed silently for the battle to succeed, vet they prayed loudly for Rupert Murdoch to come a cropper.

Covent Garden has surely reached the gates of Wapping. Kate Mosse's 1995 book on *The House* listed 100 Musicians Union members, 150 Equity members, 300 Bectu members, three-day weeks. 90 per cent of productions on overtime and staff with second jobs as taxi drivers, fish-and-chip shop owners, even pilots. The film showed a timekeeper clocking 15 hours of overtime to someone who never showed up, joking "they're all comedians here. The Covent Garden chorus is so overstaffed, it seems constantly in danger of falling into the orchestra pit. The pressure on the managers was and clearly still is appalling. Today the unions are again threatening a

strike over touring.

An opera house is a temple of the muses, but it is also a factory. There is no easy way to reform a factory that has grown helplessly self-indulgent. It has to shut down and start again, or at least regard a shutdown threat as plausible. The opera house is shutting down. The opportunity is there.

Covent Garden is a nationalised industry in receipt of deficit finance

of some El5 million a year. It has been nationalised since the Treasury, the Arts Council and the Opera House started to exchange personnel in the 1960s, Lord Armstrong was made secretary to the Covent Garden board in 1968 while in charge of public spending at the Treasury. The recent arrival of Lord Chadlington and Mary Allen direct from the Arts Council may seem suspiciously abrupt, but it recognises a longstanding co-responsibility.

The trouble with this sort of

hands-on, hands-off accountability has been that bucks can be passed up and down the line at each stage in the budgetary cycle. Last week the Arts Council chairman. Lord Gowrie, felt obliged to tell the opera board that its plans were "a shambles", the sort of genteel rebuke that his predecessors nor-mally offered discreetly over hunch The former opera chairman (and former Arts Council deputy-director) Sir Angus Stirling duly reminded Lord Gowrie that, no, his Arts Council was more to blame. It was like 1970s Fleet Street proprietors blaming each other for being soft on the unions.

ow the taxpayers have a chance to find out what they get when producers cannot spend at will. when they cannot equate high spending with high art and allow unions to walk off with the cash. Taxpayers are entitled to know what "real-cost" opera would be like, even if they then decide that they prefer it done the old way. They might also have a view on whether a better way of expanding the audience for opera is not to lop £10 off an exorbitant seat price but to broadcast each production to the world, and put it on video. Ms McIntosh's desire to have more "cheap" £50 seats as a liberal gesture is a measure of the fantasy in which opera management now

The Chadlington-Allen duo promises to be what grand opera deserves - needs - but will never admit it needs. When the surgery is over, opera will not applaud but silently approve. That is the British way with tough managers. There is no point in the Royal Opera House demanding even more money with artistic menaces. The outcome after reopening may be blood in Bow Street. For a while it may be a scratch orchestra in the pit and blacklegs on stage. The soft-hearted will retreat to the crush bar in silence. The test will lie with the audience. Do they love opera enough to hear it through a pickets'

# Legs over

WOMEN'S leggings have been banned from the Royal Windsor Horse Show this year for the first time. The ruling is part of the first written dress code imposed for the members' enclosure at the show,



Jodhpurs but no leggings

which has recently been revamped. Men must wear jackets and ties. Tweed jackets or dark suits are recommended. No polo necks or polo shirts will be accept-ed. For women, skirts and smart trousers are allowed but leggings

are forbidden. In previous years, visitors to the enclosure, which the Queen visited yesterday, have always been expected to dress properly without being told, but increasing abuse of this adult approach has led to the need for a written code.

We have inflicted a rigid dress code on our members," said an organiser for the show, "because we honestly think they should dress to a higher standard. In fact, yesterday we had to turn a couple away who were wearing jeans. Why should they walk around looking like that when others have dressed up for the occasion?"

Leggings are a tricky one. Though comfortable, my style editor tells me that they can be a risky option for the less-than-perfect

figure. They are certainly not chic unless they are Chanel.

MPs in a pod THERE is increasing concern at Millbank Towers, home to the

flickering green screens of the Labour Party war machine, that they know too little about many of their



"If they can have one, we can too'

new MPs. Those who were expected to win were investigated thoroughly at the time of their selection. Less rigorous checks were run on those felt to have a Twigg's chance in Enfield of unseating the local

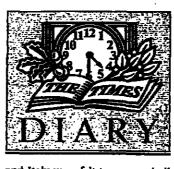
Tory, Michael Portillo.

"Lots of them are turning out to have worryingly left-wing pasts," says my man inside the Labour sec-urity cordon. "A new unit has been set up by Mandelson to investigate. We call it the Intelligence Pod."

#### Kiss me guick

EVEN before the Miss Universe pageant took place yesterday evening in Miami, the long, painted nails were out for Miss Estonia, the favourite to win the crown. Kristiina Heinmets may be 18, blue eyed and blonde, but her manner is said to have the same effect as ice cream on an absess.

She has been constantly hugging and kissing everyone she meets, playing up her cutesiness to the point where one of her minders complained: "If she kisses me one more time, I'm going to hit her." For keen followers of these matters, only Misses Colombia, Venezuela



and Italy were felt to pose a challenge to Miss E's stroll to the title.

#### Not a lot

PARENTS of children at Sidwell Friends, Chelsea Clinton's school in Washington DC, have been tion. Last year the highest bidder won the chance to play a round of golf with the President. This year, Mr Clinton has only given a signed copy of his book. Between Hope and History.

One lot, however, is not expected to set the chequebooks fluttering: a private screening of the film Witness, followed by an Amish dinner for 12, at which the Sidwell parents, specialists in the "psychoanalysis of film", will dissect the film's real meaning.

#### **Latin link**

DESPITE Michael Portillo's enforced absence from the Tory leadership campaign, the Latin element remains strong thanks to Daniel Hannan, maniacal Eurosceptic. The Daily Telegraph's leader writer, and Peruvian landowner. Hannan, 25, mutton-chopped and bald for his years, is described as a strategist for the Howard

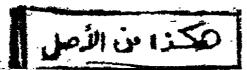
When not out politicking in London, he returns to the homeland to ride among his thronging tenant farmers on horseback, dreaming of Chilean pension schemes and tortures for Sir Edward Heath His job, say friends. is "to keep Howard firmly on the Right, treading the sendero luminoso to power".

● In an interview for tomorrow's Desert Island Discs on Radio 4, the comedian Harry Enfield talks of a childhood trauma. When young,



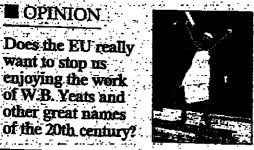
Harry Enfield with his father

he always understood that his parents had been great friends of Vir-ginia Woolf. Then one day, he came across a copy of Woolf's dia-ries, turned to the index and found an entry for his parents. The nasty old lush had written: "I'd rather be dead in a field than go to tea with the Enfields."





OPINION Does the EU really want to stop us enjoying the work of W.B. Years and other great names



Characterisation does not go a lot deeper than the skin on display in the West End revival of Steaming

**■ THEATRE** 

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■ COMEDY

Jack Dee shows off his new improved self at the Gielgud, but happily a few rough edges remain



ON MONDAY

Read Geoff Brown's final report from the Cannes Film Festival: the big winners revealed

ccasionally, like a beach comber uncovering a semi-precious stone in unpromising shingle, those of us who trawl the scholastic journals for excitement come up with a real: gem concealed under a title that is as enticing as a stale bun. This week was such a moment. I have been riveted enthralled con-

sumed to the exclusion of all other matters, by the marvellous Textual Monopolies: Literary Copyright and the Public Domain. Readers, put down that Jilly Cooper bonkbuster! If you want to glimpse human nature, red in tooth, claw and legal fees, then Textual Monopolies: Literary Copyright and the Public Domain is required reading.
Out this month, it's a collection of papers (edited by Patrick

Parrinder and Warren Chernaik: published by King's College London) which examines one of the strangest pieces of European Union cultural meddling in recent years. In July 1995, the EU ruled that copyright should be

Touched by lunacy beyond the grave harmonised throughout its dominions. And, if the word harmonised" suggests a process of

sweetness and concord, think again. This was a murky episode, with consequences that have affected anybody interested in books, films, plays, music and the visual arts.

As Parrinder points out, the legislation was "shaped by commercial horse-trading and political compromise, and dressed up with a rationale that is almost entirely bogus. It was rushed through Parliament without debate in a single day, and passed into law with virtually no public discussion. In a sense, then, these corruscating essays are two years too late. Never mind; at least we

can mean retrospectively. What happened in 1995? Well, Britain, like most other parts of the world, had a copyright law extend-

ing the rights of authors and their heirs for 50 years after the author's death. Germany, however - on the disingenuous pretext that its authors lost valuable royalties during the war — allowed 70 years of posthumous copyright. So when it came to harmonisation, guess who prevailed? Quite so. The EU decided that the Germans were right, and that Britain, 12 other EU

Canada were wrong.

The consequences have been enormous. Authors, artists and composers who were in the public domain were suddenly back in copyright. Among them were Kip-ling, Elgar, Hardy, Holst, Barrie, Lorca, Delius, Lawrence, Monet, Conan Doyle and Yeats. This was good news for a whole witches' brew of vested interests, who had lobbied for years to bring it about: publishers, grasping heirs, bossy



RICHARD MORRISON

estates, avaricious royalty agen cies. But it was bad news for the public. For, when the copyright anses on a work of art, public access is almost always improved. To give just one example, think of maverick Wordsworth Classics in the early 1990s, with their cheap and cheerful reprints of out-ofcopyright novels.

So why did the EU do it? It seems that the Eurocrats were dazzled by a single argument; that copyright is "fundamental to intel-lectual creation", and therefore should be massively protected for the good of us all. Well, nobody wants to rob creative talents of their living, and I suppose you could just about extend that principle to their kiddies. But 70 years of posthumous protection takes us well beyond that. It is a licence for suppression of our cultural heri-

That wouldn't matter so much if estates and publishers were generally obliging. But in recent years we have seen dozens of estates exercising proprietorial rights in

phers who take even a moderately critical stance are prevented from quoting their subject's work. Theatre directors have been prevented from staging plays because some estate didn't like their style. Recently we even had the Balanchine Trust interfering with the Royal Ballet's casting of a Balanchine

hat's more, the concept of "fair dealing" (by which scholars and critics can quote a limited amount of text without infringing copyright) has been eroded to such an extent that some powerful copyright holders barely acknowledge it Indeed. publishers are now developing something called an Electronic Copyright Management System", an Orwellian "total surveillance system" for the information super-

highway which will police their interests and crack down on even the most innocent trespasser. I find that rather creepy.

There would be less agitation

about the 70-year rule if more heirs, publishers and royalty agencies gave the impression that they cared about promoting the great works assigned to them, rather than regarding them simply as commercial assets on which income must be maximised.

But there is an even more important point. As more of the public's money is channelled into royalties for second-generation heirs, so less is available to support the living artist. The EU is actually stifling, not supporting, intellectual creation. It's too late to do anything about it now, of course. But for anybody who wants a brilliant analysis of how inexorably the EU works against the consumer's interests, I commend Textual Monopolies: Literary Copyright and the Public Domain, Crazy name, compulsive

DONALD COOPER

# Wrinkles in the lines

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on a charming, if dated, revival of Nell Dunn's rumination on the sexes

obody could dislike Nell Dunn's Steaming, its celebration of the unlikely posse of women battling to save a municipal baths from closure is too well-meaning. too good-natured. But lan-Brown's revival left me wondering if those strengths were not also liabilities. After all. London has become a harder, more brutal place since 1981, when the play first appeared, and there were moments when I felt I was watching a mildly feminist Passport to Pimlico - and that particular black-and-white tribute to

Widow

more than 15 years old. Rather more than pink skin is bared upon the cracked tile below the cream gables and spindly green walkway of Robin Don's solendidly atmospheric set. Lives are supposedly exposed too. Posh Nancy (Lynne Miller) has yet to start rebuilding a life devastated by the defection of her awful barrister husband. Vulgar Josie (Jenny Eclair), whose spouse is in prison, is beginning to realise she cannot indefinitely rely on lovers for a. living. Dopey Dawn (Julie T. Wallace) has no plans to

Cockney togetherness is a lot

Steaming **Piccadilly** 

escape a mother who wishes to keep her infantile and permanently on pills.

The trouble is that Dunn's characterisation does not go a lot deeper than the skin on display. Steaming, her first play, suffers from a tendency to italicise indicators of personality, relationship and class: Dawn's Mum (Sheila Reid) keeps exposing her own mistrust of sex with remarks like (of Dawn's Dad) "he never interleged with me after she was horn". Josie scarcely stops parading her enthusiasm for the male member. Know the

obsession, know the psyche. As a result Dum's didacti-cism is less effective than it might be. She wants us toadmire the camaraderie that emerges among these very different women as they amble about in their towels. She wants us to feel that a good cause helps them to discover themselves and grow. Nancy decides there may be life and even love after William. Josie becomes an articulate spokesperson for the group. Even

Dawn strips off and cavorts happily about, a great she-elephant who senses she can escape her trainer.

But some of the behaviour is not altogether believable. Moreover, the ending is too abrupt and Dunn's belief that a London council has a responsibility to provide a nice, safe alternative for 9,000 bathless houses seems touchingly dated. But the piece is amusing enough. Wallace may not be as funny as Brenda Blethyn, who relied less on bulk, bicep and fat-lady fun when she created the role of Dawn, and Eclair may not eradicate memories of a sharp, streetwise Georgina Hale; but they keep the evening moving

There is only one male in the cast, the baths' maintenance man, and he does not appear. His silhouette is seen moving menacingly about his little cabin, and his voice is heard



"A mildly feminist Passport to Pimlico": Julie T. Wallace (Dawn), Diane Langton (Violet) and Sheila Reid (Mrs Meadows) in Steaming

tent, but they never lose interest in their grub," says Vi, summing up the overall drift. What makes the play attrac-

aggressively shouting at Diane Langton's Vi, who runs the place. Further offstage, men are exploiting and rejecting the characters and, in the case of Josie, delivering the odd black eye. They also figure much in the conversation. They go bald, they go impo-

tive, at least to me, is that it can express their indignation at men, yet admit their need for them. I would not wish it shriller or more ideological. All the same, something is missing. Abrasiveness? Toughmindedness? If Dunn had aimed to make the piece speak to the 1990s, she would have been more generous with such unsentimental strengths.

# A cheerful time of waste



Jack Dee: started, and carried on, at the bottom IS THIS a smile I see before me? Jack Dee's "king of deadpan" persona, all stares and Pinteresque pauses, has

always set him apart from the adrenalin-charged routines of the stand-up crowd. Some thing seems to have happened along the way, however. There has been a breezier dimension to his work of late, as if the self-proclaimed "mis-erable sod" had been dipping into the Prozac

Whether that is entirely a good thing is another matter. The new, improved Dec who veers between animated Jack the Lad and caring, thirtysomething parent — is still a fine comic. When he is at his most amusing a reviewer feels slightly ridiculous at

**Jack Dee** Gielgud

trying to reduce the stream-of-

consciousness to cold print. He is certainly entitled to want to move onwards and upwards. But the old individuality is missing at times; all we hear then is just another fast-talking comedian telling jokes about the great British tradition of throwing up in

Fortunately, enough rough

edges remain. Somehow I doubt that he will ever acquire the slickness of a fully paid-up member of the Groucho classes. Even now, when he can fill a West End theatre, he retains enough of the aura of a chippy outsider. While other new wave comics give the impression that they learnt their craft on a three-year media studies course, Dee is the one who, besides pursuing a career of sorts in catering, once earned a living recycling soiled incontinence

Given that background, he

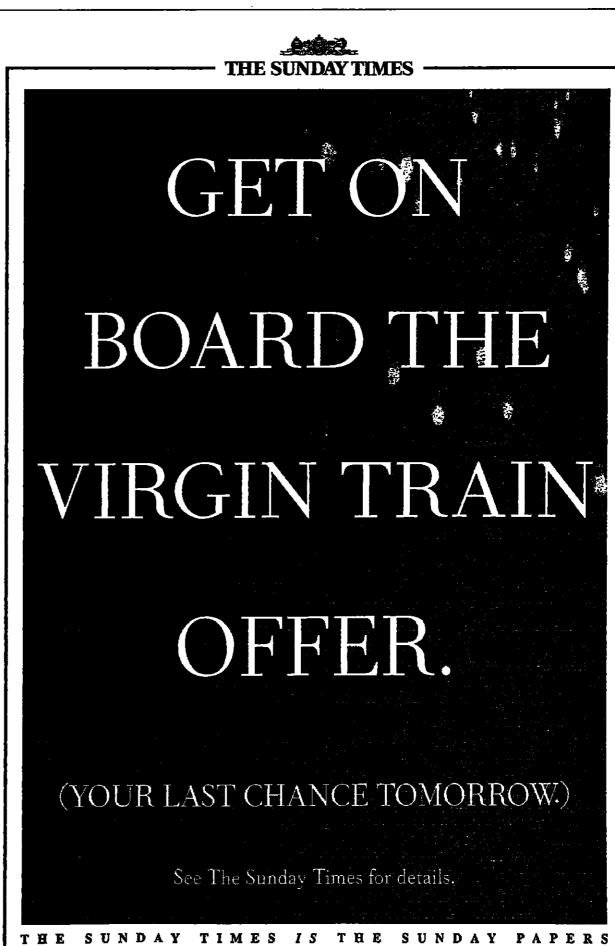
sion with bodily functions, a dominant feature of his previous show at the Palladium. Scatological humour is, after all, today's socially acceptable, non-sexist equivalent of the mother-in-law joke. Dee extracts plenty of mileage from that source without descending into too much detail.

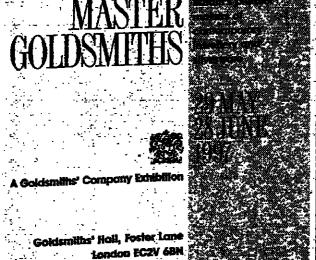
It does all risk becoming a little repetitive, not to mention solipsistic, after a while. A fleeting reference to the BSE scare and the Channel Tunnel fire was about the nearest we came to topicality all evening. Dee has often spoken of his admiration for Dave Allen, but it's impossible to imagine the Irishman, in his prime, allowing a whole evening to pass without inserting a stiletto into a functionary or two One member of the audi-

ence, who took up Dee's invitation to scribble comments on a notepad during the interval, tried to prompt him into sharing his thoughts about the new Prime Minister. Dee was not to be templed beyond a routine bit of schoolboy naughtiness about selfabuse behind the doors of No 10. Even Peter Lilley could do better than that.

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Monday-Salurday 11.00-17.00



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 16: The Duke of York this morning attended a Breakfast Meeting with the Chief of Protocol for the City of San Francisco.

California.
His Royal Highness this after-BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 16: The Prince Edward this morning received the members of the Los Angeles Justiceville Home-less Cricket Team at Buckingham Palace at the start of their English

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 16: The Princess Royal,

Patron. Dunn Nutrition Unit, this morning visited MRC Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre, Adden-brooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lond-Lieutenant of den).

Her Royal Highness. President.
The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon visited Peterborough and Fenland Carers Centre, 51 Broadway, Peterborough. Cambridgeshire, followed by a Reception at the Town Hall, Bridge Street.
The Princess Royal, Patron

Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crow

SENSE — the National Dealblind and Rubella Association, later opened the "Reachout" Project at Broadgate Lane, Deeping St James, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mrs Bridger Cracroft-Elev).

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 16: The Prince of Wales. Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited The Royal Dragoon Guards on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.

Hampton School

The following entrance scholar-ships and exhibitions have been

Pigeon Scholarships: Dominic Johnson, City of London Free-men's School, Ashford; Mike Wu, Hampton Hill Junior,

Hampion Hill Junior.

Hammond Scholarship: Eric Pollitt. Hampion Hill Junior.

Music Scholarships: Samuel Jacobs, St John the Baptist: Paul Thomas, Hampton Hill Junior.

Choral Scholarship: Joseph Wass, Newland House School.

Pignon Erhibéticaes: Nathan All!

Pigeon Exhibitions: Nathan Alliston, Stanley County Junior. Edward Jeary, Chase Bridge Junior, Timothy Mullinar, Stanley County Junior.

County Jonathor.

Hammond Exhibitions: Jonathan
O'Connor. Hampton Junior. Cam-eron Poole, Hampton Junior.

13+ Entry Lacey Scholarship: Michael Fauconnier-Bank, Halleybury Junior.

Junes Exhibitions: Samuel Aba-yomi, The Mall; James Banks. Newland House; Thomas Mun-day, Denmead School: Andrew Praft, Newland House.

Royal engagements

Today: the Duke of Kent as President, the Football Association, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend the Challenge Cup Final, at Wembley

Lord Falconer of Thoroton

The barony conferred upon Mr Charles Leslie Falconer has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Falconer of Thoroton, of Thoroton in the County of Nottinghamshire.

**Lord Hoyle** 

The barony conferred upon Mr Eric Douglas Harvey Hoyle has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baron Hoyle, of Warrington in the County of

#### Church news

**Appointments** 

The Rev Andrew Hawes, Priest-incharge. Edenham and Witham-onthe-Hill: to be also Rural Dean of Beltislow (Lincoln).

The Rev Cecil Heatley, Vicar. St Saviour. Peckham: 10 be also Rural Dean of Dulwich (Southwark). The Rev Jo Honour, Deputy Chaplain, HM Prison. Wands-

worth (Southwark): to be Chap-lain. The Mount, Bovingdon (St The Rev Geoffrey Howell, Priest-

in-charge, St James, Cradley: St John the Baptist, Mathon; St John

the Baptist, Storridge: to be Chap-lain of Hereford Cathedral Junior School and Succentor of Hereford Cathedral (Hereford). The Rev Michael Howes, Vicar, Ness Group: to be Rector, Bassingham. Aubourn w Hadd-ington, Thurlby, Norton Disney.

Cariton-le-Moorland and Stapleford (Lincoln). The Rev Robert Ireton, Vicar, Falconwood (Rochester): to be Vicar. St Michael, Stanwix w St Mark Belah, Carlisle (Carlisle).

#### Weekend birthdays

Pope John Paul II celebrates his 77th birthday tomorrow.

TODAY: The Earl of Airlie, KT, 71: Vice-Admiral Sir Thomas Baird, 73; Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, 74; Miss Cicely Berry, voice director, Royal Shake-speare Company, 71; Sir Rodric Braithwaite, diplomat, 65; Professor D. Cameron Watt, FBA, historian, 69; Sir Charles Cawley, scientist, 90; Mr Timothy Cordy, director, Town and Country Plandirector, Town and Country Plan-ning Association, 48: Professor J.D. Craggs, electrical engineer, S2: Mr Paul Crossley, concert pianist, 53: Mr Hugh Dykes, former MP, 58: Mr J.R. Evans, chairman, Hyder (formerly Welsh Water), 46: Sir John Garlick, civil servant, 76; Sir Ronald Halstead former deputy chairman, British Steel, 70: Professor Raymond Hide, FRS, geophysicist, 68: Sir Colin Hope, chairman and chief executive, T & N, 65: Mr Simon Hughes, MP, 46: Mr AA, Johnson MP, 47: Professor Asthur son, MP. 47: Professor Arthur Jones, Principal, Royal Agri-cultural College, Cirencester, 65; Mr Sugar Ray Leonard, boxer, 41: Sir Eric Mensforth, former presi-dent Westland Alignett 01: Profe-

dent. Westland Aircraft, 91: Profes-

cent, westaan Aureran, 91: Protes-sor Vivian Moses, biotechnologist, 69; Miss Birgit Nilsson, soprano, 79; Sir Alec Ogilvie, former chair-man, Powell Duffryn, 84; Lieuten-

ant-General Sir Douglas Packard, 94; Major-General D.A.S. Penne-

Reception

others present.

George Burns

General Sir George Burns, GCVO, CB, DSO, OBE, MC, will take

place at the Cathedral and Abbey

Church of St Alban, Hertfordshire, on Wednesday, July 2, at 2.30pm.

Dr Howard Jenkinson, Professor

and Director of the Molecular

Oral Biology Unit, Otago University, has been appointed to the Chair of Oral Biology.

University news

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

Sir John Vinelott, Chairman of the

Trust Law Committee, was the principal guest at the Chairman's

annual reception of the Society of

Trust and Estate Practitioners.

held at Trinity House on Tuesday.

May 13. Mr Geoffrey Shindler, Chair-

man of the Society, presided.



Caroline Charles, the fashion designer, is 55 tomorrow; Miriam Margolyes, the actress, will be 56

father, Commandant General Royal Marines, 52; Sir Edward Playfair, civil servant, 88; Canon P.B. Price, general secretary, USPG, 53; Mr Michael Roberts, jockey, 43; Lord Tombs, 73; Cap-tain Sir Miles Wingate, former deputy master, Trinity House, 74; Lieutenant-General Sir David

Young, 71. TOMORROW: Sir Richard Body, MP. 70: Mr John Bruton, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 50; Mr John Clement, former chairman, Unigate Group, 65; Mr Perry Como, singer, 85; Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, 58: Mr Rodger Davis, golfer, 46; Mr Graham Dilley, cricketer, 38; Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, FRS, pathologist, 76; Sir Anthony

Fell, former MP, 83: Profess G.R. Hall, nuclear scientist, 69; Rear-Admiral P.G. Hammersley. 69: Lord Hartwell, 86: Mr Keith Hellawell, Chief Constable, West Yorkshire, 55: Mr G.McC. Kitson, Yorkshire, 55; Mr G.McL. Kitson, former Principal, Central School of Speech and Drama, 75; Sir Geoffrey Littler, former chairman, County NatWest Group, 67; Professor M.S. Longair, astronomer, 56; the Marquess of Reading, 55; Mr Peter Ryan, former national director, Police Training, 53; Lord St John of Fawsley, 68; Mr Jacques Santer, President, European Commission, 60; Mr N.P. (Nobby) Stiles, footballer, 55; Professor A. Marshall Stoneham,

#### Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: Edward Jenner, discoverer of vaccination, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, 1749; Caroline, Queen Consort of King George IV. Brunswick, 1768; Anna Jameson, writer, Dublin, 1794; Sir Joseph Norman Lockyer, astronomer, Rugby, 1836; Erik Satie, composer, Honfleur, France, 1866; Henri Barbusse, novelist, Asnières, 1873; Dorothy Richardson, novelist. Abingdon, Berkshire. 1873.

Members of the Judiciary, the Bar, the Accountancy, Taxation and Banking professions with mem-bers of STEP Council were among DEATHS: Sandro Botticelli, painter, Florence, 1510: Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, London, 1575; Catherine I Major General Sir Empress of Russia 1725-27, St Petersburg, 1727: Samuel Clarke. theologian, London. 1729; Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, A memorial service for Major

statesman, Paris, 1838; Paul Dukas, composer, Paris. 1935. Comic Cuts, the first weekly comic paper, was published in London by Alfred Northcliffe, 1890. The relief of Maleking, 1900. The Daylight Saving Act was passed, 1916.

BIRTHS: Joseph Butler, theolo-gian, Wantage, Berkshire, 1692; Hugh Clapperton, African explorer, Aman, Scotland, 1788; Oliver Heaviside, physicist, London, 1850; Bertrand Russell.

3rd Earl Russell, philosopher and mathematician, Trelleck, Gwent, 1872; Walter Gropius, architect, Berlin, 1883; Dame Margot Forteyn, prima ballerina, Surrey, 1919. DEATHS: Elias Ashmole, antiquary, 1692; Pierre de Beaumarchais, dramatist, Paris, 1799; George Meredith, novelist, Box Hill, Surrey, 1909; Isaac Albéniz, pianist and composer, Cambo-les-Bains, 1909; Gustav Mahler, composer, Vienna, 1911. Napoleon Bonaparte was pro-

claimed Emperor of France, 1804. The United Free Church of Scotland was formed, 1843. Allied forces captured Monte Cas-sino, Italy, 1944. The European Convention on Hu-man Rights came into effect, 1954.

Montgomeryshire Society

and present members of the society

were among those present.

Mr D.H. Owen, President of the Montgomeryshire Society, was the host at a reception held last night at Burlington House, Piccadilly, to mark the anniversary of the first meeting of the society in May 1927. Descendants of founding mem-bers, representatives of the Welsh community in London and past

Memorial

service

Soap and Television by John Logie

Mr T.H. Bridgewater

Canon Francis Tester.

FRS. physicist. 57; Mr Charles

Wintour, journalist, 80.

# Wis Dorothea Mason, Miss Patricia Waite. Mr Will Wyatt (Chief Executive, Broadcasting, BBC) with Sir Roger Cary (a consultant to the Director-General) and Lady Cary and other past and present members of the corporation: Sir Paul Fox, Sir James and Lady Redmond, Mrs Peter Dimmock, Mr Dalias Bower, Mrs Mary Chesterman, Mr and Mrs Leonard Mall, Mr and Mrs Aubrey Singer, Mr and Mrs Ray Herbert. Mr Michael Bunce (chief executive, Royal Television Society) with Miss Clare Colvin (archivis): Mr John Chitock (Screez Digest, ITC) with Mr Barrie MacDonald (librarian): Mrs Anne Hanford (Hanford Associates), Miss Linda Zuck (Illuminations Television) and many other friends.

**Marriage** Mr A. Egan and Miss S. Cull

The marriage took place in Mel-burne, on Friday, April 25, be-tween Andrew Egan, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Egan, of Bishoos Castle, Shropshire, and Sandra Cull, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J.A. Cull, of Rosebud, Victoria, Australia.

Service dinner RAF St Athan

Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Kyle, Air Officer Commanding Mainte-nance Units, and Mrs Kyle were dined-out last night from RAF St Athan by Air Commodore P.J. Scott, Station Commander and Air Officer Wales, and Mrs Scott and Officers and their ladies. Wing Commander J.S. Alton presided.

Appointment.

Mr Victor Henderson to be

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr N.D.P. Trustram Eve and Miss C.I. Maydon

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Thornton The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Colonel the Hon Peter and Mrs the and work of Mr Inormon
Howard (Tony) Bridgewater, former Chief Engineer, BBC Television, was held yesterday at St
John's Wood Church. The Rev
John Slater officiated, assisted by Trustram Eve, of Barton End, Gloocestershire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr Michael Maydon, of Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk, and Mrs Dawn Maydon, of Ittering-ham, Norfolk. Mr J. Stuart Sansom read the lesson. Mr Nicholas Moss. Head of Policy Management, BBC. Broadcast, read from Sermons, Mr A.J.A. Telloch

and Mrs J.A. Yeo

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr John Tulloch, of Courance. Baird and Mr Peter Dimmock part and Mr Valiant-for-truth Sum-moned from John Bunyan's The Pilgrim's Progress. Mr C.R. Longman gave an address. Ms Marianne Cotterll, soprano. Lockerbie, and the late the Hon-Mrs Tulloch, and Janeis, daughter of Major and Mrs William Lane, and Ms Marie-Louise Edmondson of Peter Tavy, Tavistock. and Ms Mary Newman-Pound. Mr G.J. Douglas and Miss H.M. Cuthbert

mezzo sopranos; accumpanied by Mr Colin Stuart, piano, sang Three Little Maids from School from Gilbert and Sullivan's The The engagement is announced between Graham eldest son of Mr between Granata, ences son of Mr and Mrs. Rodney Douglas, of Woking, Surrey, and Helena, daugher of Mr and Mrs Nigel Cumbert, of Holt, Norfolk. Mikado. Among others present Mr and Mrs Anthony Bridgewater ison and daughter-in-lawl, Mr Alexander Bridgewater (grandson), Mr Reay Bridgewater, Miss Geraldine Bridgewater, Mrs Francis Tester, Mr and Mrs A Bell, Mr Michael Bell, Mr and Mrs A Hunt, Mrs Dorothea Mason, Miss Patricia Waite

Mr W.J. Enderby and Miss E.V. Pertwee the engagement is announced between William Jasper, twin son of Mr Jasper Enderby, of London-SWI8, and Mrs Robert Phillips, of London SWL and Emma Victoria.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. David Pertwee, of Littley Green, Essex Mr C. Fox and Miss S.K. Sim

The engagement is announced between Christian, son of Mr and Mrs G. Fox, of Clare, Suffolk, and Kate, daughter of Mrs D. Simmonds, of Peacock Hall,

Sanna, younger daughter of Major and Mrs John Hopkins, of Donhead St Andrew, Shaftesbury. Mr R.M.A. Power and Miss P.M. Keelan

The engagement is announced herween Jonathon, son of Profes-sor and Mrs Kenneth Gregory, of Blackheath, London, and Virgens, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Sany, of Plymouth, Devon.

The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Mr and

Mrs Alexander Munro, of Coomis

Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and

and Miss S.M. Hopkins

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Power, of Compton, Surrey, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Keelan, of Moseley, Birmingham.

Mr N.A. Ring and Miss V.L. Phelps

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr Thor-Christian Ring, of Vos. Norway, and the late Mrs Gillian Ring, of Nottingham, and Vanessa, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs David Phelps, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.G. Thorpe and Miss L.M. Kirkpatrick

The engagement is announced between Alister, younger son of Mr and Mrs Barrie Thorpe, of Boxford Suffolk and Lucy only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin Kirkpatrick, of Dorchester,

#### Dinners

HM Lard High Commissioner Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Fier Majesty's Lord High Commis-sioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane yesterday arrived in Edinburgh to take up residence at

Edinburgh to take up residence at the Palace of Holymodhouse and last night ensertained the following at dinner.

The Lord and Lady Provost of Edinburgh, the Lord Chancelhar and Lady Irvine of Lairg, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs McIndoe, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Duke of Argyll, Sir Russell and Lady Robertson, the Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland and Mrs Harkness, Mr and Mrs Ian Bowle, the Principal Clerk of the Assembly and Mrs Macdonaid, Miss Effect Robertson and Drand Mrs Alan Robertson.

Farriers Commany

Farriers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs and their ladies were the guests of honour at a dimner of the Parriers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Thomas Lloyd Barker, Master, presided, assisted by Mrs D.M. Pagan.

Upper Warden, Mr T.F.M. Head, Middle Warden, and Mr R.J. Crocker, Renter Warden The Lord Mayor, the Renter Warden and Sir John Owen also spoke. Among others present were: spoke. Among others present were.
Lord and Lady Soulsby of
Swaffham Prior, Lady Owen, the
President of the Royal College of
Veterinary Surgeons and Mrs
Jones, the Masser of the Saddlers'
Company and Mrs Price, the
Master and Mistress Cutler in
Hallansshire, the Secretary of the
Shire Horse Society and the
Harness Horse Parade, the
Ministry Secretary to the Missions
to Seamen, Mr and Mrs I R
Adamson and Major-General and
Mrs G H Watkins.

Launderers Company Mr David R. Browne, Master of the Launderers' Company, with the Wardens and the Court of Assistants, presided at the annual ladies dinner held last night at Launderers' Hall. Mr. Tony Baldry, MP, was the principal guest. The Masters of the Tallow Chandlers', Galziers', Glass Sell-ers' and Scientific Instrument Makers' Companies and their ladies were among those present.

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL Aberdeen: 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch, If ye love me (Tallis), the 30 ES. Dyson in F. Rev 1 ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; 11 Ch Euch. Let thy merciful ears, O Lord (Weetkes), the Archbishop, 3.15 Ch E. Harwood in A Flat. BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 Choral C. Jackson in G. Oh Lord. give thy holy spirit (Taillis); 3.30 Choral E. Responses (Clucas), Benedicite (Jackson). BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Vaughan Williams in D minor, the Provost: 3 Pentecost, I was glad

(Parry).

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15
Choral E. St Nicholas Mass (Haydn), the
Provost: 11 Civic Service, the Provost; 4
Choral E. Awake us Lord and hasten
(Bach). Canon Gaitiee.

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BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, Misss to three voices floyd); 11 Euch, Missa Brevis in D minor (Mozart). Canon Anhur Howells: 3.30 E. The Wilderness (Wesley).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M: 8 HC: 10 Choral Euch; 3.30 Choral E.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 Euch; 10 M, Te Deum (Vaughan Williams), Jubilate (Britten); 11 S. Euch, Schubert in G. the Archbishop, 3.15 E. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar); 6.30 ES. Choir of Christ Church College, the Archideacon.

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CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch. Sidilkano (Reger), Listen, sweet dove (Ives), The Dean: 3 E, I will sing with the spirit (Rutter), Les Cloches de Hinckley (Vierne), CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP, 8 HC, The Acting Provost: 9.30 Euch; 11.15 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Canon Barry Thompson: 6 Choral E. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgari, the Acting Provost. CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Jackson in G. Canon James Newcome; 11.30 Choral M. Te Deum in C (Britten), Canon Michael Rees: 3.30 Choral E. Stanford in G. Bishop of Chester; 6.30 ES, Cathedral Nave Choir. CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M. O come, ye servants (Tye), the Dean: 11 S Euch. Non vos relinguam (Byro), the

3.45 E.
ERETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch,
Gray in F. Canon Arthur Mawson; 11.15
M. Te Deum in F Ilreland), Rev Peier
Webb; 3 E. Nicholson in D flat: 6.30 ES.
Come Holy Ghost (Anwood), Rev Greg
Daxter. GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.15 M. Benedictus in F (ireland): 10.45 Euch, Spatzenmesse (Mozzri), The Dean: 3 E. Standord in C, The Spini of the Lord (Elgar). GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10:30 S Euch. Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn). the Dean; 6:30 ES. HEREFORD CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10 Euch, Missa Brevis In F (Mozari), the Treasurer, 11.30 M, Stanford In C. Veni Sance Spiritus (Byrd): 3.30 E. Aston in F. Rey Peter Wood. LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Darke in E, The Provost; 4 Choral E, Stanford in B flat, the Chancellor.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S

Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), the Dean:

3.30 E. Responses (Clucas), I saw the Lord

Bishop: 3.30 E. Leighton in G.
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford:
10 M. Jubilate in B flat (Purcelli, Rev
Henry Chadwick: 11 15 S Euch, Missa
dum completentur (Victoria), Carson
Ward; 6 E. Dyson in D. The spirit of the
Lord (Elgar).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. 8 C:
10.30 Euch, I will sing with the spirit
(Ruiter), Rev John Petty: 5 E. Stanford in B
flat, The spirit of the Lord (Elgar).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M.
Jubilate Deo (Walton), the Dean; 11.15
HC, Organ Solo Mass (Mozart), the
Bishop: 3.30 E. Collegium Regale
(Howells), Fugue in G milnor (Dupré).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch:
3.45 E.
EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch,

(Stainer).
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 9.30
S Euch, Stanford in C & F, the Dean; 11.15
M, Come down, O love divine (the
Precentor: 12.30 HC: 3.45 E, if ye love me
(Tallis), Hear my words, ye people (Parry). LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10.30 Euch. The Dean: 3 Choral E; 4 HC. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 8; 9.30

**DEATHS** 

Canon Ian Bennett: 6. NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Francis Jackson In G. Come down O love divine (Harris; 6.30 Es. Wood in F, Do not I fill heaven and earth (Blair). love divine (Harris; 6.30 ES. Wood in F. Do not I fill heaven and earth (Blair). PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 9.30 M, Stanford in C: 10.30 Euch, Messe Solonnelle (Vierne), the Dean: 3.30 E, Come Holy Ghost, the Maker (Davie). PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 Euch; 10 Euch, Messe Solenelle (Vierne), Listen sweet dove (Grayston Ives), the Precentor: 12 HC: 6.30 E, Stanford in A, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), the Provost. RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch: 8.45 M; 9.30 Euch, O Holy Spirit (Iye), Canon Ann Nicholl: 1; 30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis in C major (Mozart), Canon Michael Glanville-Smith; 12.30 Euch, Canon Keruneth Mason: 5.30 E, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Canon Kelth Punshon. ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 M. O Lord give try Holy Spirit (Tallis): 10.30 S Euch, Mass (Stravinsky), Canon Jane Austin; 3.13 E, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Magdalen Service (Leighion). SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev David Sulcilifie: 11.45 M, Come down, O love divine (Harris), Canon Jerremy Davies; 3 E, Nunc dimittis (Hols), Rev Derek Watson. SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S

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Church services tomorrow Capper, 6.30 E Come down, O love divine (Harris), Canon Godfrey Higgins.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Mass (Stravinsky), Rev R Lewis: 11.30 M, Te Deum (Weelless), Sicut cervus (Palestrina): 3 E, O thou the central orb (Wood), Rev R Lewis.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY:8 HC: 10 M, Stanford In B flat. Come, holy ghost (Attwood), the Dean; 11.15 Euch, Missa Brevis (Harvey), Gracious Spirit (Forbes), the Dean; 3 E. Stanford in A. The dove descending (Harvey) Rev Robert Reiss; 6.30 ES. Canon Colin Semper.

WINCHESTER CATHEORAL: 10.30 S Euch, Mass in F sharp minor (Widor), Canon Philip Morgan; 3.30 E, Jackson in G. Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Rev Ray Guymer. Ray Guymer.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL: 10 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Canon David Thomas: 4 E. The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar): 6.30 ES, Darke in F. Canon Iain MacKenzle.

YORK MINSTER: 8 HC; 10 S Euch, Messe solennelle (Langials), Canon Dr John Toy: 11.30 M, Collegium Regale (Howells): 4 E, Dyson in D. Rev Raymond Furnell.

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, Listen, sweet love (Ives), Canon Alistair Redfern; 11.15 M. Te Deum in C (Britten), the Sub Dean: 12.15 HC; 6.30 E, Stanford in B flat, the Chapitain.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL (Lowel: 8 HC; 11

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Euch, Stanford in B flat, Rev Kerry Goulstone: 3.30 E, Come Holy Ghost, the maker (Thorpe Davie). maker (Thorpe Davie).

ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC:
10 S Euch, Listen sweet dove (Ives), the
Provost, James Whitbourne: 11:30 HC,
Rev Richard Davey: 3:30 E. Holy Spirit
Ever Dwelling (Howells), Blair in 8 minor.
ST GHLES CATHEDRAL: Edinburgh: 8
HC: 10 HC: 11:30 HC, Missa Brevis in D
(Mozari; 8 ES, Rev Karen E Warson. ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Messe solenelle (Langials), Bishop

Patrick Rodger, 3.30 E, Primi tonl (Victoria). Dum complerentur (Pales-irino). ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdeen: 11 HC; 6 ES, Rev David. Molymeaux. ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M: 11 S Euch, Messe solennelle (Langiais), Come, Holy Ghost (Anwood), the Dean; 3.15 E, Stanford in B flat, Come, Holy Ghost (Harvey), Canon Michael Saward. Sawaru. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL Ennismore Gardens, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and traditional poly-phony

pnony.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, WI: 11 C,
David Turner, 6.30 ES, Rev Ronald Dunn.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI:
11 Missa ave maris stella (Vittoria), Factus
est repente (Alchinger), Confirma hoc
Deus (Alchinger) est repente (Aichinger), Confirma hoc Deus (Aichinger).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, O Lord, give thy Holy Ghost (Tallis), Rev Dr P Elvy; 12.15 HC; 6 E, Rev Dr P Elvy.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, CUTZON SI, WI: 11 Sunday School.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev Stanley Hood; 6.30 Rev John McMahon.

FARM STREET, WI: 8, 9.30, 11, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM.

HOLY TEINITY BROMFTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Sandy Millar; 11 MS, Rev Sandy Millar; 5: 7.30 Informal Service - Jeremy Jennings.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7.8.9,10, 11 M, Mass in G (Mozzrt, Dum complementur (Palestrina); 12.30, 4.30, 7 3.30 V & B, Veni Creator Splitus (Washington).

ARMEDMAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizrian.

WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC, Andrea McInnes; 11 MS, Rev Dr

wilson: 5 Ch. ES, Byto 3rd Service, Patris est repenie (Festa).

ST JAMES'S. Piccadility: 8.30 HC. 11 S Euch, Rev Hugh Valendine; 5.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S. Stratford E15: 11 C. Toccata (Mushel). Rev Modicum Okello; 6.30 Pentecost Praise, Rev David Richards.

ST LUKE'S. Chelsea. SW1: 8 HC. 10.30 S Euch. Lond, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis). Rev Christopher Kevill-Davies; 12.15 HC: 6.30 Ch E, Rev John Streeting.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd. NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 C; 11: S Euch, Ireland in C, Aveverum (Byrd). Rev D Bean.

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8 Bach Wespers, Rev Paul Schmiege;
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of art (Purcell), Rev Brian McAvoy,
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Pyper, 6.30 Rev Calum I MacLeod.
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FAWKNER - On 12th May, to Lucy Elizabeth (née Gumpert) and Robert, a son, Alfred James.	BOWM-BURGESS - Frank and Constance married May 17th 1937 at St Peter's Church.

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BEARD - Gladys Evalyn (née Hewist) of South Nutfield, Surrey beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. AT. John Beard (former Telephone Manager, Nottingham) and dear mother of Paul and "best friend" of sister Hilda. Peacefully on 13th May at Oxted Hospital following a stroke towards the end of March. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral 23rd May. Details from Stoneman Funeral Service (01737) 763456. BREHMIKKMEYER - Elmar, aged 72, died unexpectedly on 13th May 1997 in Amsterdam. Deniry beloved hesbend and caring father, grandisther, brother, brother-in-law and meta. A private family burial will be held on the Continent. BUTTERWORTH - Dr. Harry on 15th May at his home in Enfield, beloved heaband of Jean. A Funcasi Sarvice will be held at St Petar's Church, Vers Avenue, Gange Park, on Thursday 22nd May at 11am, followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations in his memory to the Parkinson's Disease Society.

DAVEMPORT - Dr. Margaret, Child Psychiatrist, died peacefully at home on May 16th 1997, aged 72. Cremation private. No flowers by request, but donations may be made to Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham Hospital. A Thanksgiving Service and Celebration of her life and work will be held at \$1 Andrew's Church, Toddington, from 2 pm on Saturday 21st june.

FREEMAN - His Honour Richard Gavin Freeman (Ekik) aged 36 died at the Whitlington Hospital on May 15th after a short Shees. He is survived by his wife Freddis, his son Toby and two daughters Jennifer Ratilif and Christina Anderson and by seven grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 12 o'clock on Friday May 23rd at St James's Church, Prebend Sneet, Islington No Sheeter would be appreciated.

GAYTON - On May 14th 1997

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 C, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood). Canon George Naim-Briggs; [1] Euch. Awake us. Lord. and hasten (Bach), Canon Richard

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GAYTON - On May 14th 1997 suddenly in the BUPA Hospital (Leicester) Alan William Geyton OEE, Ps. eged 73 years. The beloved husband of Jean, loving father of Sue and John, grandfather of Jamie and father-in-law of Isa. Private Cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at Leicester Cathedral on Thursday 22nd May at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for LOROS Hospice (to whom cheques should be psyable) c/o Ginns and Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: 0116 251 6117.

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LADSURY - Knith Alistone, aged 92 passed away peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital on 8th May 1997. Baloved husband of Donothy, much leved Father of Nigel and Roger, and dearly leved Grandisther to Mark, Rowens, Philip, Rebecca and Harriet, who was with him at the last. He was a truly wondarful num who will be luogly missed by us all. Funeral at St Peter's Church Britford Salisbury on Wednesday 28th May at 12 non-Family flowers only, Donations in favour of St Peter's fabric/organ fund c/o LM. Newman, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury.

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SWIX SGE. PLAYFAIR - On Wednesday 14th May 1997, Jocalyn Roal Christine, widow of the late Major General LS.O. Playfair, All enquiries to Andrew Holmes & Son (0181) 572-3277.

RABBURN - Ian at home on May 13th aged 82 years, in Hexham. Husband of the 1ste loon, father of Michael and the late Margaret. Service to be held at Hexham. Abbey on Wednesday May 28th at 11.30am, followed by private committal Friends piesse west at Abbey. RUGGEFRICE - Col. Anthony Rugge-Price CBE Croix de Gearre, died pencafully on May 14th Much loved by his wife Joy and daughter Juliet.

RUSSELL - Peacefully in Dudiey House Nursing Home, Isleworth, on May 14th Landy Em. 201, aged 91, beloved wife of the late Sir Ronald Russell, MF for Wambley South 1950-74, and mother of Rillian and Charles, devoted Gamdina to Carries, devoted Gamdina to Priday 23rd May 14th peacefully at home Henry Winthorps-Twars, formerly of Backsanfull Restaurant, Sewtown Linford, much loved hosband of Louzing, father of Journal, father of Felicity and hand of a happy loving clan. Fusing the Carries General Service at Rothley Parish Church (Calcastushire) on Friday 23rd May 1997 at 11.30 am SCOTT-MONCRIEFF - Lois Margaret. aged 90,

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SHIIITON - Anthony, passed away 8th May 1997 in his 73rd year. Missed by Richard, Christha and his children. Cremation at Putney Vale on Wednesday 21st May 1997 at 2 pm. Flowers to Chelesa Funeral Directors, 260B Fulhum Boad, SW10. (0171) 352-0006.

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#### BLAIR'S BRAVE START

Labour is right: talks cannot wait for terrorists

The Northern Ireland peace process was both John Major's unfinished business and, even though it was partial, a genuine achievement, unambiguously his own. His skills and commitment secured one ceasefire and created room for hope. They also created doubts that his successor could achieve as much. There is a long way to go before Tony Blair can match Mr Major's success, let alone surpass him and bring lasting peace to Ulster. But the Prime Minister's speech yesterday was an impressive first step.

Mr Blair's rhetoric should provide a nervous Unionist majority with the reassurance it seeks. Arguing that "none of us in this hall today, even the youngest, is likely to see Northern Ireland as anything but a part of the United Kingdom", Mr Blair was almost echoing the words of the former Unionist leader James Molyneaux. After so many changes in the past three years, Labour, like the weather, has almost lost the capacity to surprise. There has, however, been a genuine thaw towards the Unionists.

It is striking that less than three years ago the declared ambition of the then Northern Ireland spokesman, Kevin McNamara, was to be the last Secretary of State for the province. By making clear that he is personally committed to the Union and has no plans to put Ulster on the slippery slope to a sell-out, Mr Blair can, with greater authority, persuade the Unionists that change is the price of making the current constitutional realities more acceptable to nationalists.

Unionists have been suspicious of some of the changes proposed by London and Dublin in their Framework Documents, not least dynamic cross-border bodies, because they regard them as engines for Irish unity. If, however, changes are designed in a spirit of underpinning, not undermining the Union. then Unionists should show generosity.

Cynical, or churlish, Unionists such as Ian Paisley who are disposed to wonder if a Labour Prime Minister can really be sincere in his support should take comfort from they will not allow democracy to be derailed.

Martin McGuinness's sour reaction to Mr Blair's speech, Sinn Fein was understandably disappointed by the Prime Minister's pledge that he would not be a persuader for Irish unity. But republicans should not merely snipe from the sidelines. Mr Blair is giving them the chance to move out of the darkness and into the political daylight. They should take it, for the sake of their voters and all Ireland's people.

By authorising contact between government officials and Sinn Fein Mr Blair is showing a genuine willingness to give republicans the benefit of what little doubt there is. Republicanism has often elevated violent means above political ends; even when pursuing its political goals, violence has been central to its strategy. It is hard to see republicans permanently forswearing violence now; yet they must do so if Sinn Fein wants to enter talks. There can be no weakening. The requirement that they abandon the armalite is not a quibble cooked up by opponents who need an excuse to keep republicans out of talks. It is a point of principle on which democrats must unite if democracy is not to be fatally compromised. In sticking to that principle, but trying everything within his power to promote a ceasefire. Mr Blair is both defending democracy and affirming his sincere desire for Sinn Fein to be included in any settlement. Republicans should grasp the olive branch or face the consequences.

Mr Blair has said that if Sinn Fein do not join talks now, "the settlement train is leaving" and he will reach a deal without them. His desire to broker an agreement without the republicans if they continue their terror campaign is politically brave and morally right. It depends, however, on those other parties, particularly the SDLP and the Dublin Government, sharing that view. The people of England learnt during the election campaign that republicans are more than capable of stopping some trains. Ireland's nationalists should make it clear

#### LABOUR UNDERGROUND

Three ways to breathe life into the Tube

There are few campaign promises harder for to pay for ongoing repairs. The problem is the Government to translate into action than its pledge to improve public transport. City . wing solution is privatisation, a last-minute centres are being suffocated by traffic yet neither Government nor local authorities has the money for the integrated schemes. need for action more pressing or the sums more daunting than in London. The Underground, the network that keeps the capital. moving, is still reeling from the cuts of the last Conservative budget; and with a capital shortfall of some £700 million almost all the schemes to improve the outdated system and make it self-financing are to be axed. John Prescott, the transport and environment supremo, who called his transport ministers to Chevening for a brainstorming session

yesterday, will have to move fast. The last Government believed there were few votes to be won in transport and even fewer in London. Kenneth Clarke's prejudice was challenged by the City, tourist authorities and all those who were concerned with London's global competitiveness. On a typical weekday some 23 million journeys are made on the Tube. The system carries significantly more passengers than

the entire national railway network. After years of relative neglect, what the system needs is investment, on a massive scale. Labour has three choices. There is the left-wing solution of pouring in some £400 million a year for five years, by the end of which the Underground - which already makes an operating profit - would be able

the Treasury limit on borrowing. The rightpromise by the Conservatives which proved unpopular with Londoners. This could bring in capital but the complexities of how the that planners recommend. Nowhere is the system should be subdivided and sold off are enormous. Labour left itself a loophole by opposing "wholesale privatisation", it could, perhaps, countenance contracting out the system while retaining London Transport as a regulatory body. Thirdly, there is the middle option of using the private finance initiative. This is the least satisfactory: courting private interest, scheme by scheme. makes long-term planning almost impossible, and amounts simply to running the Underground on hire purchase, with the bills still coming in at the end.

Glenda Jackson, who has immediate responsibility for Britain's railways, could look further, however. How about a London levy to pay for transport infrastructure? Or a tax on cars coming into the centre that is earmarked for public transport? The Treasury hates hypothecated taxes; but Labour has promised to think the unthinkable. Most capital cities take public transport, generally heavily subsidised, almost as an urban right. The efficiently managed Underground, by contrast, charges market rates. The public is prepared to pay; it was on the road to recovery before Mr Clarke's axe. Labour owes it not only to London but to Britain's prosperity to secure the system and redeem its campaign promise.

#### RHINEGOLD

Germany sets new standards in creative accounting

For a year and more Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, has soothed German doubts about monetary union by insisting that, in order to qualify, governments must fulfil the Maastricht criteria to the last decimal point. EMU would not threaten German fiscal rigour, because Europe would be obliged to adopt German practice.

Now Herr Waigel has set an example of "German practice" that far surpasses in ingenuity anything that Italian, Belgian or French bureaucrats have come up with. He has taken the Wagner script and improved on it. Alberich stole the gold from the Rhinemaidens; but Herr Waigel claims that it is possible to raid the Bundesbank's gold reserves and pocket the profit, without touching a single ounce of the precious stuff.

It is all so simple. By law, the Bundesbank gold is valued at its purchase price, a modest 13.69 billion marks. If revalued at its market price, it would be worth 42.17 billion marks more - which coincidentally happens to be. the size of this year's hole in Germany's accounts. This abruptly much more valuable hoard will of course stay in the vaults; Herr Waigel would never dream of selling off the family treasure. The happy man has discovered that he does not need to; he can simply transfer the Bundesbank's resulting windfall to the redemption fund for historic burdens", thus reducing Germany's public debt and deficit at a stroke without actually

paying any debt off. Add in some accelerated sales of government shares in Deutsche Telekom and bingo! Germany will meet the 1997 Maastricht targets which it would otherwise miss. In the marketplace, this trick is not new. Companies used to revalue land and other assets and call it profit until the Accounting Standards Board spoilt the game.

Now that Germany has revealed the secret of modern alchemy, turning gold into paper wealth, other European governments may be tempted to follow suit. Purists might not accept a Greek claim that the market value of the Parthenon had been applied to the national accounts, and Herr Waigel's thick eyebrows, ever vigilant when it comes to the mote in Italian eyes, would be quick to furrow at a "revaluation" of the Colosseum. But he could hardly object if Gordon Brown were to transfer the market value of Ministry of Defence land to the Treasury

books, since that is potentially saleable. There are just three snags. The first is one of timing; the Bundesbank law must first be changed and there are doubts about whether this magic carpet will be ready in time to swell the 1997 accounts. The second is that no amount of fiscal fudging will alter Germany's underlying problems. The third is political. It does not take genius to understand the rule that debt does not shrink without being repaid. Herr Waigel may have his way; monetary union may start on time. But it will start on a fraudulent foundation. German voters used to believe that creative accounting stopped at the German frontier. The Rhinemaidens have yet to be heard, and their verdict is likely to be severe. The "transfer" of the Rhinegold laid the fateful trail to Götterdämmerung.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### **United Tory front** on windfall tax

From Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC. MP for Rushcliffe (Conservative)

Sir, The windfall tax (reports, May 16) is the corner-stone of the Government's welfare-to-work plans. No Conservative believes that getting more of our people back to work is not a worthy cause. But we do think that the proposed method is fraught with

danger.

It is simply folly to believe that the tax will be paid by "fat cat" directors, or that there are huge sums of "excess". profits" locked away in bank vaults. ripe for the plundering of the Labour Government. The truth is that the burden of the tax will fall on ordinary customers, shareholders and employ-

Even a look at just one aspect of the windfall tax - its impact on pension funds - shows how hard-working people will be hit. Pension funds are amongst the biggest shareholders in the utilities. The windfall tax will wipe millions of pounds off share values. So pensions will be lower. Even if the tax is already factored into some share prices, this simply means that the damage has already been done.

No one disputes the good intentions behind Labour's proposed welfare-towork scheme. But subsidised jobcreation is not nearly as effective as real growth in the economy. It is no justification for damaging hard-working people's pensions, putting up bills, hitting vital investment programmes

and threatening jobs.

Labour's claim that their plan is legally watertight looks more questionable by the day. A legal opinion obtained by Aims of Industry in January stated that there is "a powerful cocktail of possible grounds for legal challenge". The result could be "considerable delay", and Labour would have to raise other taxes to fund their

Labour's big idea is coming unstuck as we write. If it succeeds, it will hit ordinary people hard. Conservatives oppose it.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH CLARKE, STEPHEN DORRELL, WILLIAM HAGUE, MICHAEL HOWARD, PETER LILLEY. JOHN REDWOOD. Conservative Central Office, 32 Smith Square, SWI. May 16.

#### Legal challenge From Mr Malcolm Hill

Sir, The news (Windfall tax faces legal challenge". May 16) that two companies likely to be targeted by the Chancellor are seeking legal advice is to be expected by commercial direc-tors, who desire to operate within the

The Government has led the electorate to believe that the windfall tax will fall on the victims only and provide funds to relieve unemployment. Indeed they have been encouraged to admire the brilliant imposition, whereby thousands of young people can be put back to work at the expense of a few "fat cats". But the two claims are untrue.

The windfall tax will be recovered within a year or two by the victims increasing their prices; the real payers will be the users of fixed and mobile telephones, gas, water, electricity and aircraft, and also of goods and services whose producers use the same services.

Government has never relieved unemployment by imposing taxes on the people. It may claim a particular scheme has created employment but when such claims are balanced against the unemployment caused by the taxation there is no gain.

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM HILL, 58a Abingdon Road, W8. May 16.

From Mr Richard A. Edwards Sir, I was somewhat puzzled to read that most City lawyers were of the opinion that a windfall tax could not be contested in the courts on the grounds that an Act of Parliament is heyond challenge in our courts. As Mr Justice Hoffman has observed, the EC treaty is in effect a constitution (Stokeon-Trent City Council v BSQ [1991]). No domestic law, including an Act of Parliament, which conflicts with EU law is valid. EU law is supreme, unlike our Parliament.

Thus if the targets of the windfall tax can argue that it violates EU law they might either challenge it on those grounds in our courts or apply to have the matter referred to the European Court of Justice.

In either case they should, of course, apply for an interim injunction preventing the Crown enforcing the Act until the question of its legality is determined. All of this has been long settled ever since the judgment of the House of Lords in ex-parte Factortame (No Z) [1990].

Yours etc. RICHARD A. EDWARDS, 60 Queen's Road, Devizes, Wiltshire. May l6.

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#### Queen of Sheba retains her mystery

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mibal queens in northern Arabia.

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the Queen of Sheba may have been

the ruler of a small north Arabian

tribe of that name which traded with

Jerusalem for, more probably, with

Tyre, travelling through Jerusalem to

Solomon, not a very powerful ruler.

had a good propaganda machine to exaggerate his importance. Also he

seems to have had a keen eye for

pretty girls. Perhaps he was just be-

witched by the daughter of a visiting

merchant from a north Arabian group of Sabaeans who was passing

through with a trading caravan.

(Author, Frankincense and Myrrh,

From Professor Edward Ullendorff,

Sir, With all due respect to Michael

Binyon, Emperor Haile Selassie was

not the "Lion of Judah" (the quotation

is taken from Revelation v, 5): the New

Testament reference was merely the

motto of the Ethiopian Crown in gen-

eral. The late Emperor certainly did

not "insist" that the Queen of Sheba (Ethiopian Makeda) married King Solomon: he knew that the Ethiopian

national saga - Kebra Nagast (Glory

of the Kings) - referred to intimate re-

lations between them which resulted

in a son, Menelik, the putative foun-

Arabic and other versions of the

story of the Queen of Sheba are essen-

tially based on the Hebrew Targum

Sheni to the Book of Esther and, of

course, ultimately on the texts of 1

I was glad to see Michael Binyon

referring to my late colleagues Bob

Serjeant and especially Freddie

Beeston, who certainly were promin-

ent exponents of south Arabian epi-

graphy; but they did not express views

on the historicity or otherwise of the

There is no need to go for illumina-

tion as far as Chartres. A beautiful

window in King's College Chapel.

Cambridge, depicts the visit of the

Queen of Sheba to King Solomon: the

King is seated on his throne and

between him and the Queen is an area

of blue glass representing the pool of

der of the Ethiopian dynasty.

Kings x and II Chronicles ix.

Queen of Sheba.

the Muslim legend.

May 9.

I am, Sir, yours truly.

4 Bladon Close, Oxford.

EDWARD ULLENDORFF.

A Study of the Arabian Incense

Yours sincerely, NIGEL GROOM

Trade, Longman, 1981).

23 Crondace Road, SW6.

From Dr D. W. Phillipson. President of the British Institute in Eastern Africa

Sir, As director of the current archaeological excavations at Aksum, Ethiopia, I trust that I may correct certain inaccuracies in Michael Binyon's re-port of May 9, "Yemen tests wisdom Solomon with claim to Queen of

It has long been believed, and the recent excavations by the British Institute in Eastern Africa have confirmed, that occupation of the Aksum site itself extends no further back than the early 1st century AD, although older settlement is attested in the immediate vicinity. Legends about the Queen of Sheba recall her as a contemporary of Solomon around the 10th century BC. There is no evidence for developed civilisation at Aksum at such an early

You report that archaeologists at Aksum have found coins, etc. dating from the time of the Queen of Sheba This is not only untrue, it is impossible. Aksumite coinage did not begin until about AD 270. Coinage was not used anywhere in the 10th century BC. Neither my excavations nor those directed in collaboration by colleagues from Italy and the United States have revealed materials con-

temporary with the Queen of Sheba. Legends linking both Yemen and Ethiopia with the Queen of Sheba may be explained by reference to the very close cultural links between the two areas which prevailed for more than one thousand years before the rise of Islam.

Yours truly, DAVID W. PHILLIPSON. President. British Institute in Eastern Africa,

From Mr Nigel Groom

Sir, The Queen of Sheba will of course continue to beguile tourists with her mystery. Her connection with either Ethiopia or South Arabia (ancient Saba or Sheba) are questionable, how-

Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge.

The latest chronological researches now date the first known king of Saba to around 800 BC, well after the time of Solomon (c950 BC), and there is no evidence of trading between south and north Arabia before the 8th century BC. The Israelites did not begin to use south Arabian aromatics (frankincense and myrrh) in their rituals until the 7th century BC.

Moreover, Sabaean rulers were invariably male. But genealogical tables in the Old Testament testify to more than one Sheba, while there are

#### **Red Cross in Zaire**

From the Director General of the British Red Cross Society

Sir, On May 8, World Red Cross day, 171 Red Cross national societies around the world celebrated the humanitarian achievements of the International Red Cross movement.

Tragically, that day also brought the news that ten of our colleagues from the Zairean Red Cross had been killed the day before whilst selflessly working to help victims of the war in

The tragedy occurred when the ten first-aid workers were assisting people wounded in the fighting be-tween government and rebel forces which had been raging in the town of Kenge, 200km east of the capital, Kinshasa. During the fighting some 200 civilians were reportedly killed and over 120 were admitted to hospital. Despite the severity of the fighting Zairean Red Cross first-aiders were prepared to risk their lives in order to evacuate and treat the wounded.

Since last October, when the war began in eastern Zaire, the Zairean

Red Cross has frequently been the only organisation able to deliver urgently needed assistance to Rwandan refugees and Zaireans fleeing the civil war. Often, when expatriates were forced to evacuate areas on security grounds, local volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that assistance continued to reach the beneficiaries. This is a good example of local people caring for each other.

In today's world the Red Cross faces increasingly difficult challenges. Expatriates and local volunteers have lost their lives when working in areas of conflict such as Chechnya. Burundi and Zaire where combatants sometimes failed to respect the Red Cross emblem and the neutrality it represents for those working under it.

These senseless deaths bear testimony to the unstinting dedication of our Zairean colleagues in their efforts to help others in times of crisis.

From the Director of Charter 88

Sir, Your leader ("The select few",

May 14) will be welcomed by those of

us who have drawn attention over the

years to the important role of select

committees within Parliament. They

should provide an alternative career

structure for backbench MPs - and

every one of these MPs should be pro-

vided with a place on such a com-

to make the committee structure at

Westminster work more effectively.

The special standing committee proce-

dure - recommended by Parliament

itself 20 years ago - could be used to

give all Bills proper scrutiny. This

committee stage would allow MPs to

question both ministers and civil ser-

vants as to the purpose of the Bill, to

take evidence from interested groups

affected by the legislation, and to

But one further step could be taken

Yours sincerely. MIKE WHITLAM. Director General, British Red Cross Society, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, SWI. May 9.

#### Select committees Lottery and the arts

From the Executive Director of the

Lottery Promotion Company Limited Sir, Melvyn Bragg's assertion (Arts. May 12) that Hollywood's "intensive development and cultivation of film and television has made it the second biggest industry in the USA" is wrong, according to a survey published in February by the Georgia Institute of Technology.
In a list of the 25 largest industries

in the US real estate came first; second, retail trade; sport, with a turnover of \$152 billion, was eleventh.

The report states: "By comparison, the sport figure (just over 2 per cent of GDP) is larger than either the computer hardware or legal services industries and larger than the combined size of the motion-picture, radio/ television, and educational services industries."

Nonetheless we heartily endorse

Mr Bragg's plea for more money to highlight problems with draft legislathe arts. If the lottery invests most of tion at an early stage when they might its money in arts and sports, that will more easily be remedied. bring greater social returns to the This procedure already exists public, and financial returns to HM within Parliament's standing orders. Treasury. By investing more in sports and recreation, we make huge savings and the Government can refer any Bill to such a committee. Perhaps the on crime and ill-health. By investing time has come for a reform-minded more in the arts at grassroots level we Government to resurrect the Special introduce to the many the "quality of Standing Committee to ensure proper life" for which the lottery was started. legislative scrutiny - particularly in the face of such a large parliamentary

Yours. majority. DENIS VAUGHAN. Yours faithfully, ANDREW PUDDEPHATT. Executive Director. The Lottery Promotion Company Limited, Director, Charter 88, 41 Floral Street, WC2. Exmouth House, 3-11 Pine Street, EC1. May 13.

#### Dearth of British music at Proms

From Dr David Green

Sir. Notwithstanding the "20 superlatives" identified by Richard Morrisun in the 1997 BBC Proms season (Arts. May 8), the steady decline in the representation of British music at these concerts continues unabated.

I calculate that the time allotted to British composers this year is the lowest since you published an article by Simon Heffer deploring the situation. "Forward with Britten", on August 10, 1985. Since then you have published two letters from me making the same point (August 17, 1985, and September to, 1995).

Not a single note of either Holst or Delius has been played for the last three years, and this year there is no Walton; audiences are still denied such standard repertoire works as The Planets or Brigg Fair.

The Gramophone, in its standard reperioire recommended recordings, lists the 2nd symphonies of both Sibelius and Vaughan Williams; yet the Sibelius has been performed II times in the last 18 years and the Vaughan Williams only twice.

Something must be done urgently to redress this imbalance. Once again. the decision of the BBC's Controller of Music, who has autonomy in devising the Proms, should be seriously ques-

Yours sincerely, D. W. GREEN, 34 Ponsonby Terrace, SWI.

#### Nonscrise verse

From Mr Jim Bel. ...

Sir, Derwent May's article on "nonsense", which I greatly enjoyed (May 10), was headed "... an innocent vision of paradise delights us", and gave an example of "tangletalk": I went to the pictures next Tuesday and took a front seat at the back. said to the lady behind me, l cannot see over your hat.

As a youngster in my home town of Middlesbrough in the early 1930s we

I went to the pictures tomorrow and took a front seat at the back. A lady she gave me an apple, I ate it and gave her it back.

My children and grandchildren have been the appreciative recipients of that particular verse and a few others, like . . .

If a gumboil could boil oil, w much oil could a if a gumboil could boil oil?

Between verses the chorus was: That was a cute little rhyme.

Yours sincerely.
JIM BENNETT, 42a Windsor Road. Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

From Mr Brian Lapping

Sir, "Lear's Owl and the Pussy-Cat need a stout boat", writes Derwent A stout boat? Derwent May

Got carried away In his quest for an adjective new. Stout's a good word And it's fairly absurd. But it's one Lear perchanced to exchew. "Beautiful", yes. "Pea green", yes.

"Stout"? Oh my fur and whiskers, no. BRIAN LAPPING. 61 Eton Avenue, NW3. May 12.

#### **Exploding rats?**

From Mr Peter L. G. Bateman

Sir. The suggestion that a phosphorus-loaded, self-igniting rat destroyed a thatched cottage (letters, May 9) ignores the fact that phosphorusbased rat poisons have been banned for the past 36 years under The Animals (Cruel Poisons) Act 1962.

Today we have to kill rats with kindness, avoiding any apparent symptoms of suffering and preferably ensuring that they all die in good health, following additional legisla-tion (Control of Pesticides Regulations

Incidentally, the insurance industry has estimated that 20 per cent of fires "of unknown origin" are caused by rodents gnawing electricity cables.

Yours truly, PETER L. G. BATEMAN (President, The British Pest Control Association, 1983-84).

The Limes, Felbridge, East Grinstead. West Sussex. May 9.

#### Have a heart

From Mr E. P. Churchill

Sir. Too many of the contributions to the lower half of the Letters page come from people who apparently want to kill something. Could a more enlightened selection be made from the postbag, or should I switch to a paper which might be less depressing to read?

Yours faithfully, E. P. CHURCHILL 26 Sugworth Lane. Abingdon, Oxfordshire. حكذا من الاصل

■ Tony Blair took a gamble for peace in Northern Ireland yesterday when he offered Sinn Fein the chance of meeting government officials before an IRA ceasefire. In a speech which he had been preparing since well before the election, the Prime Minister said in Belfast that his radical plan was "one further effort" to bring Sinn Fein into the full political process ... Page 1

#### Kidnap victim tells of 'pure terror'

■ A kidnap victim described 40 minutes of "pure terror" after she was held at knifepoint and bundled into the boot of her car. Nova Hughes, 24, decided to make a public appeal for information about the abduction and robbery in the belief that 

#### Mobutu goes

President Mobutu of Zaire left his capital having lost his grip on power after 32 years of autocratic . Pages I. 16

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Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, ordered an urgent investigation into the sale and marketing of alcopop drinks ..... ...... Page 2

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A conservatory supplier who threatened to send in the "hard men" to deal with a dissatisfied customer was jailed .....Page 3

#### Dubai row

The Foreign Office has been asked to intervene over a Briton being held in prison in Dubai. with no

#### 'No win, no fee'

An expansion in "no win, no fee" litigation and tax incentives to encourage litigation insurance was called for by the head of civil

#### Vandals close convent

A Teeside convent has had to close after 70 years because of repeated break-ins and vandalism by local

#### Irish manifesto

Fianna Fail has put tax-cuts and crime at the top of its election manifesto and is supporting moves for contacts with Sinn

#### Hague promise

William Hague has offered Conservatives an early chance to back him or sack him if he is chosen to replace John Major.....Page 15

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The White House has called for people in "workfare" to be paid the .... Page 17 minimum wage ...

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Blair's brave start: Tony Blair's desire to broker an agreement without the republicans is politically brave and morally right ......Page 23 Labour underground: City centres are being suffocated by traffic: yet neither Government nor local authorities

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A £20 book token will be awarded to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London El 9DD. The names of the winners and the solution will be published next Saturday.

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 TV performer in programme on plane crash (9).
- 6 County penitentiary's wing seized by prisoners (5). 9 Forced to part with first instal-
- ment of rent (5). 10 Steadiest, flying across the At-
- lantic (9) 11 Delight on account of girl (7).
- 12 Hold cap out, my dear fellow (3.4).
- 13 Trouble caused as maiden is found with Prime Minister, initially, then a ruler (8-6).
- 17 Sweet companion not appreciated by clown (10,4).
- 21 In musical, handle gentle air (4-3). 23 Put poem into new version for quick performance (2-5).
- 25 Appointed without any standing
- 26 Obtain backing for Northern Irish police chief (5). 27 Hot drink barber needed before
- iourney's end (5). 28 Water chestnuts here? (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,476

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: N W Barr. Truro. Cornwall; D A Franklin, Wenhaston,
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My polite request partially granted by commuter (6,2). Stars seen in Eastern county.

rising (5).
What's a chap got inside trousers? Could be these (4.5). 4 Popular old writer with a grand manner (2.5).

Leaves space in restaurant (7). 6 Fraud adding a minimal sum to subscription raised (5).

7 It sounds like an opening for attack (5.4). Needing a bed? Notice outside

shelter (6). 14 Narrow margin of victory from leader we don't look up to? (5.4). 15 Important feat that produces character (9).

16 Like the king's wine, getting old lord drunk and sleeping? (5-3).

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Scotland and Normern research was surnly spells. Thundery rain initially over Scotland will move north, becoming confined to the Northern Isles. Heavy, thursday showers may develop. Mostly thundery showers may develop. warm, but cold in the north east. Central N England: duli and misty start, but sunny periods will develop. Showers likely, some heavy and thundery. Wind

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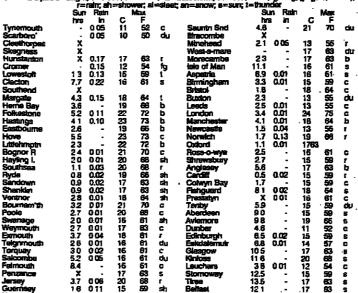
coests. Sunny periods developing, as well as heavy and thundery showers. Wind light and variable, but sea breezes forming. Very warm, but cool near coests. Max 23C (73F).

☐ Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, NE Edinburgh & Dutnoee, Aberdeen, Net-Scottland: thundery rain will move north leaving bright Intervels, but it will be dult and loggy near coasts. Showers may develop later, some heavy. Wind strong easterly, becoming light and variable. Max 14C (57F).

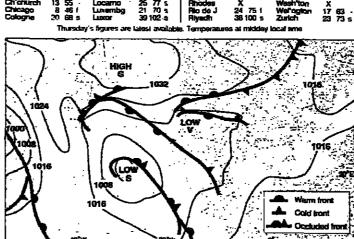
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☐ Orkney, Shetland: cloudy with out-breaks of thundary rain, perhaps becom-ing dry later, Wind strong easterly, easing later. Rather cold. Max 11C (52F). Outlook rain at times in the north and

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **ROB PALMER**

Rob Palmer, underwater explorer, died in a diving accident in the Red Sea off Giftun Island. near Hurghada, Egypt, on May 5 aged 45. He was born on October 18, 1951.

ob Paimer was a pioneer of deep, long-duration cave diving in Britain; Ireland, and, most especially; in the tropi-cal sea caves of the Bahamas. His explorations in the Blue Holes of Grand Bahama and Andros Island have featured in a number of television. films, and in his own books The Blue Holes of the Bahamas (1985) and Deep into the Blue Holes (1989).

From a boyhood in Scotland and a keenness on mountain climbing, the young Palmer, on moving to Lancaster, took up first potholing and then, in 1975, cave diving. He quickly joined the elite group pushing forward the frontiers of the sport. With Geoff Yeadon in 1976 he successfully negotiated a 200foot sump in the Ingleborough cave system to discover a large dry cavern, Radagast's Revenge, from where eventually would be found a link to the far reaches of the Gaping Gill system.

With Martyn Farr he explored the remote caves of Agen Aliwedd and, in Ireland, Roaring Well, one of that country's longest flooded cave systems.

During the 1980s, by which time he had moved to Bristol, Palmer was active in new developments in the Wookey Hole complex deep under the Mendip Hills. His partnership with Farr culminated in a record push beyond Sump 26 in Wookey in 1982.

Four years later, turning his attention to the Cheddar end of the system, with Richard Stevenson and Robert Harper, he extended exploration Andros Island, are the openings to a through a series of sumps and chambers beyond Gough's showcaves. This work continued during 1988 in the hope of finding another dry chamber, the legendary "lost cave" of Cheddar. However, a sequence of ever-longer solo dives by Palmer, beyond the third sump, revealed no such cavern nor a breakthrough to the known. Wookey system. Another attempt in 1990 was . stopped at a record distance of 1,300 feet into Sump 3 by a massive boulder

Throughout this period, Palmer was the leading figure in a new phase of exploration into the Blue Holes. These mysterious features, which punctuate the shallow sea floor just offshore of . Eastern Grand Bahama and around about decompression routines.



deep and beautiful flooded cave system. Whereas British caves tend to be cold, often constricted, and filled with murky, near lifeless water, here are to be found open passages, warm, clear water and bountful marine life.

Pioneer exploration, notably by George Benjamin and his associates between the late 1950s and the mid-1970s, had been kept in check by the sheer depth and the limitations of diving with compressed air. Experimentation with alternative breathing mixtures, which had begun in the 1930s but been dropped after a number of tatalities, was only now being seriously re-adopted by a handful of extreme cave divers, as more became known

Palmer was in the forefront of this fast-changing science, which enabled him to take up the challenge of the Blue Holes. On his reconnaissance expedition with Farr in 1981, he discovered what was then the world's longest submarine cave beneath Conch Sound but was given a sharp reminder of the results of error in these dangerous waters when, in another cave, he found the tattered remains of a previous explorer. His expedition of 1984 to the Zodiac Caverns off Grand Bahama extended exploration by 7,500 feet and discovered spectacular submarine caverns which were filmed for BBC

television. A less-than-satisfactory Operation Raleigh venture into the Blue Holes in 1985 led Palmer to initiate the Andros

Project, an international scientific and exploration expedition, bringing to these submarine caves the largest team of expert divers and scientists ever assembled there. Between 1986 and 1988, a maze of deep and stunning passages were discovered, surveyed and unique collections made of their corals and other wildlife. Very deep diving was achieved using high pressure helium and oxygen mixtures and the prototype Carmellon rebreather system, which enabled Parker to reach a maximum depth of minus 320 feet.

He found a large underwater cavern at minus 260 feet in the newlydiscovered Porcupine Hole which, when his gas supplies forced him back, still led on tantalisingly, with no apparent bottom. In recent years Palmer and his wife Steffie Schwabe had settled in the Bahamas, where they set up the Blue Holes Foundation to safeguard these wonderful caves from unwelcome exploitation and to preserve their unique environment.

Rob Palmer knew he was often operating at the extreme limits of knowledge. "Life at the frontier is fragile," he would warn others. It happened he was temperamentally suited to research and development. To a talent for methodical analysis and prediction, he added the courage to put predictions into practice. He also had a head cool enough to cope when anything unforeseen went wrong. He was competent, calm and reliable the ideal dive partner, as many have

As in many disciplines, the "extreme end eventually leads the general direction. Mixed gas technology, which Palmer and others pioneered, in time assed also into recreational and openwater diving to become universally known as "technical diving". Palmer's manuals on Nitrox diving, and in particular his An Introduction to Technical Diving (1994), models of cogency, have become the Bibles of the sport. He felt strongly that diving should have few rules, other than the primary life-savers. Progress and new technology should not be resisted. In this, he often found himself cast as a mediating spokesman, not just between the sport and a wider public, but also between advanced divers and the more conservative training organ-isations to whom he would justify the apparent risks taken by those pushing the limits of deep diving and cave diving.

His wife Steffie survives him.

family continued to live on a

yacht in the West Indies.

sailing to different islands.

anchoring off bays as the

fancy took them. All the time

Pope wrote indefatigably,

including such works as, Life in Nelson's Navy (1981) and Harry Morgan's Way (1973).

The entire family practised

free-diving, amassing an im-

pressive collection of shells.

However, Pope's wartime in-

jury eventually caught up with

to spend his last few years in a

wheelchair, ashore at St Mar-

tin in the French West Indies.

Kay and by their daughter.

He is survived by his wife,

him again, and he was forced

#### DONALD NICHOLL

Donald Nicholl, historian and theologian. died on May 3 aged 73. He was born on July 23, 1923.

"PROPHETIC" is not a word that should be casually used but there was a sense in which it applied to Donald Nicholl. There was something about the depth and incisiveness of his insight into human affairs, and about the scope and maturity of his moral and religious convictions, which lent his unterances a rare authority for our own times. His regular articles and commentaries in the Roman Catholic weekly The Tablet were eagerly awaited. There was in him a combination of qualities - intellectual and imaginative, affective but critical that somehow contrived to make an impression of a quite exceptional mind and Donald Nicholl was born to

a working-class. Church of England family in Halifax and was brought up in the West Riding. He retained to the last a deep appreciation of his Yorkshire roots. At school he displayed intellectual and physical qualities that could not be hidden — he grew to be almost oft oin tall. When the masters at his grammar school decided that he would do best by specialising in history, he promptly won a Brackenbury Scholarship to Balliol. Under wartime regulations he was allowed to spend a year there before being called up. In the Army he served in the Far East — in India, Ceylon and finally, after its recapture from the Japanese, in Hong Kong. Returning to Oxford in 1946.

he was received into the Roman Catholic Church, having come under the influence the Dominicans of Blackfriars. A student of Richard Southern's, he initially seemed set to become a medievalist (it was typical of him that, having made that decision, he resolved that, to understand medieval Britain, he would need to be familiar not just with Latin but with

Irish and Welsh as well). After four years teaching in Edinburgh, he became a lecturer in history at Keele, staying in Staffordshire for twenty years, being appointed



a Reader in 1970 and receiving a personal Chair in 1972. His real gifts as a teacher were

never in doubt. His interests, however, could not be confined to the Middle Ages. He was fascinated by the urgent intellectual and spiritual issues of our own time. Like Tolstoy, he was caught by the question of "that by which men live". In the 1950s he travelled widely in France and Germany, making contact with many of the leading Catholic thinkers of the day. Long before such things became generally talked about in this country, he was fully aware of the kind of changes that were to follow Vatican II.

In 1974 he was appointed by the University of California to be Professor of History and Religious Studies at Santa Cruz. Here his informal and arresting teaching methods found full scope. Students found a guru whose mind was lucid, whose personal lifestyle was modest and unpreten-tious and whose dry but kindly sense of humour left no room for humbug either in himself or others.

His stay in California was a very fruitful one but in 1980 he returned to Britain and in 1981 was chosen to be director of the Ecumenical Institute at Tantur near Jerusalem, an international centre for theo-

logical research. Here he had to wrestle with the tensions inherent in such a varied

international community. By the time of his return to Britain in 1985, he was becoming known as a writer. Holiness (1981) was a classic deceptively simple, both illuminating and disturbing. From his time at Tantur he produced a diary book, The Testing of Hearts (1989). He became more and more involved in inter-faith relations. contributing much to the work of the Inter-Faith Research Centre at Selly Oak, Birmingham. He was also much in demand as a conductor of Retreats, particularly for Anglican communities.

For many years he had been drawn to the study of 19thcentury Russia. This attraction resulted in a book The Triumphs of the Spirit in Russia (1997) which was finished shortly before he became ill last year and was published a week before his death. Another, and larger, collection of his essays and papers. The Beatitude of Truth edited by his literary executor, Professor Adrian Hastings formerly of Leeds University, will appear in

Donald Nicholl married in 1947 Dorothy Tordoff. She survives him together with a son and four daughters.

#### **DUDLEY POPE**

Dudley Pope, naval historian and novelist. died in the West Indies on April 25 aged 71. He 29, 1925.

A PROLIFIC writer, Dudley Pope was responsible for some Il titles on naval history as well as for more than twenty novels. Two of his works of fiction, Convoy (1979) and Decoy (1983), were set in the Second World War, but it is for the adventures of Lieutenant Nicholas Ramage, a fictional contemporary of Horatio Nelson, that he will be best remembered.
It was only after encourage-

ment from C.S. Forester that Pope first turned his hand to fiction. After reading his historical account of the Battle of Trafalgar, England Expects (1959). Forester suggested to Pope that he should try his hand at naval fiction. Six years later Pope published Ramage. the first in what was to become a burgeoning series about his eponymous hero.

Taking place largely during the Napoleonic wars, the 18 novels in the Ramage series are packed with adventure



though the author's passion for research is also evident in the degree of historical accuracy they contain.

Dudley Egerton Pope was born in Ashford, Kent, and educated locally at Ashford Grammar School. Despite his interest in naval history, an accident at sea when he was 18 his fascination with naval denied him the chance ever to school at 16 and fied about his age to join the Merchant Navy

as a midshipman. In October 1942 his ship, Silverwillow, was torpedoed in the North Atlantic while on convoy from Freetown, Sierra Leone. Forced to abandon ship. Pope spent several days. with other survivors, aboard a lifeboat before being rescued. He was seriously wounded in the attack and his injuries, including damage to his spine, meant that he had to be invalided out of the Merchant Navy. Still keen to contribute to the war effort, after a period of convalescence, he joined the Home Guard.

In 1943 he started work as a junior reporter on his local newspaper in Kent and soon after the end of the war he progressed to Fleet Street. where he again lied about his age when he secured a job with London's Evening News, as defence correspondent. In 1957 he was promoted to deputy foreign editor.

Throughout his time on the Evening News Pope nurtured

#### matters, living aboard boats serve in the Royal Navy. In his when he could and writing his first four books on naval desire to get to sea, he left history. These included, Flag

(1959), which discusses the coastal forces and in particular the gunboats of the Mediterranean in the Second World War, and 73 North (1958) on the battle of the Barents Sea. He raced yachts with the Junior Offshore Group, and completed several cruises including one to Norway in his small boat, the six-metre Red Gryphon. He also took part in the first postwar tall ships race to Lisbon and enthusiatically supported the idea of the tall ships being used as training vessels for young people. In 1959 he resigned his position as deputy foreign editor and moved to Porto San

Stefano in Italy with his wife Kay. They lived there for four years until they decided to elect for an even warmer climate and, along with their six-month-old daughter. Jane Victoria, sailed their 21-ton cutter, Golden Dragon, to Barbados. Following the life of a nautical romany. Pope and his

#### **MURRAY KEMPTON** Murray Kempton,

ournalist, died in New York on May 5 aged 79. He was born on December 16, 1917. MURRAY KEMPTON was a

courtly, independent figure in the world of American journalism. His columns in the New York Post and Newsday made famous not only their author's wit and perception but his moral integrity. Among his many awards, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his writing in Newsday during the 1980s. He was still working part-time for that newspaper until the time of his death.

Kempton, once the American correspondent of The Spectator, was an elegant writer who was able to bring a remarkable knowledge of literature, history and political thought to bear on a whole range of subjects, from Goya at the Metropolitan Museum to Yassir Arafat in Netanyahu's Israel. With his ability to detect humbug and

hypocrisy, Kempton could be savage in condemnation but. where he thought it appropriate, his admiration was equally unstinting. Walter Goodman, in a 1994 review in The New York Times of a collection of Kempton's columns, wrote of his "affection for the stand-up rebel, the loser, the rascal.

Choosing always to follow his own instincts, Kempton could often be counted on for a response that was unpredictable. This refusal to be pigeonholed won him followers of every political stripe.



Kempton always showed immense courtesy, even to those he condemned as scoundrels. Unlike many of his liberal colleagues, he forgave Richard Nixon for Watergate and came to the former President's defence when he was prevented from moving into a Manhattan apartment block by residents of the condominium who did not exhibit the same degree of tolerance.

Kempton's ornate writing style was celebrated and sometimes mocked. The former New York Mayor, Ed Koch, a long-standing Kempton tar-get, once sneered that "there was always one or two sentences which no one understood — that gave him a special cachet". On another occasion, Kempton was sued for libel. The plaintiff lost his case because the jury simply could not work out what the

offending sentences meant. James Murray Kempton was born in Baltimore, the

only child of a stockbroker who died when Murray was three, and of Sally Ambler Kempton, whose family were of old Southern stock. He attended Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and, on his graduation in 1939, he served briefly as a social worker in Baltimore. He became a newspaperman in 1942, when he vent to work for the New York Post. When war intervened he served in the Philippines and rejoined the Post in 1946, becoming its labour editor in 1949. He stayed at the Post until 1981, when the paper's new reactionary stance made him switch to Newsday.

Kempton always saw himself primarily as a reporter. He was a familiar sight on the streets of Manhattan, speeding downtown on his bicycle with earphones (he was passionately interested in jazz) clamped to his wispy white hair. Nothing was beneath his notice: ne attended court proceedings, traffic accidents. funerals and speeches by both the known and the unknown. To Bob Silvers, his Editor at the New York Review of Books. the wonder was how Kempton could make "small, revelatory theatre" out of matters as mundane as the various interests at work in a court-room when a defendant was denied bail.

Murray Kempton is survived by his longtime partner. Barbara Epstein, also of the New York Review of Books, and by a daughter and three sons from his marriages, first to Mina Bluethenthal and then to Beverly Gary.

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#### THE REMOVAL OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOL. Yesterday morning a meeting of Old

Westminsters was held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, to take into consideration matters of grave importance connected with the welfare of Westminster School. The meeting was very numerously attended. The Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster having taken the chair stated that the object of the meeting was to elicit the opinions and feeling of those present who had been educated at the school with regard to the question of its removal, and with this view he should abstain from then expressing the opinion of the Chapter on the subject, but should merely place before the meeting the arguments for and against that removal. In the first place, there could be no doubt of the fact that the school, which 30 or 40 years ago used to number 300 or 400 boys, did not contain more than 150. This was purely

to be attributed, it was said by the

advocates of the removal, to the indispo-

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sition of parents to send their children to

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This meeting of the great and the good, in the tercentenary of the school's foundation, was largely in favour of a move. The plan was later dropped, mainly because of the cost.

school no longer on the outskirts but in the heart of a great town; opposed to this was the opinion of those who thought that to change the site of the school would be to violate the religio loci and destroy those associations connected with the position of the school on classic ground under the shade of the Abbey. It was a grave and serious question beset with difficulties, and though the Dean and Chapter were not inclined to abdicate their rights and responsibilities as guardians of this Royal Foundation,

they were desirous of ascertaining how far the feeling of Old Westminsters would sanction the proposal of a removal provided the Royal sanction could be obtained. The Dean was followed by Lord Edbury, who advocated the retention of the school on its present site, but proposed that it should be recast into a middle-class day school. Lord Charles Russell was convinced that the most desirable course was to remove the school. Lord Llanover saw no reason why the old school, if removed to a suitable distance from the metropolis, should not revive. The Dean of Christ Church said that numbers were everything in a school. Without numbers it was impossible to maintain the healthy competition among the boys. With regard to the removal of the school, he thought, considering the bad position of many of our public schools - Eton notoriously unhealthy, Winchester in a swamp, Harrow and Rugby without water - that it would be possible to find a position which should combine every advantage for the new school.

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

A SMALL nursery furniture company is seeking damages from Next, the retail group, for allegedly

copying its designs. Emma Jefferson Partnership, a husband and wife partnership based in Leicestershire, allege that a number of its designs, which originally appeared on its own height charts, have re-appeared without permission on products that are sold through Next

The writ which was issued yesterday, claims that a bed linen set for children - complete with curtains, fabric, self-adhesive border, floor cushion and pleated uplighter sold by Next all bear a pattern which reproduces in material form the whole or a substantial part of the plaintiffs work. The designs are of a soldier, a policeman and a fireman.

Emma Jefferson said: "We wanted to settle amicably but Next took a month to reply, say their designer hasn't seen our brochure and I feel they are calling our bluff." The partnership is seeking an injunction. preventing Next from selling the pattern, as well as damages and costs.

David Jones, chief executive of Next, said he was aware of the complaint but that the company had not yet decided on its response.

Next faced an attack on another front yesterday when a private shareholder at its annual meeting in London questioned the decision to appoint Simon Wolfson, son of the company chairman. Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale. to the board.

David Jones defended the decision, saying Mr Wolfson had a fine track record. The appointment was voted through by shareholders.

Next found favour in the stock market yesterday. The shares rose 26n to a high of 720p after the annual meeting that the strong trading that the group reported a few weeks ago has continued.

In the first 14 weeks of this year. Next Retail sales have advanced 19 per cent while those at Next Directory are up 38 per cent on a

Taken together, sales for the Next brand were 24 per cent ahead of last year. "We are clearly taking market share." Mr Jones City expects predator to pounce on demerged unit before flotation

# Fine Art division on the cards

SHARES in Fine Art Development rose 35½ p to 276p yester-day after the company announced plans to demerge its greetings card business to create the biggest company of its kind in Europe.

The price rise reflected City speculation that the division vill attract a trade buyer before it reaches the stock market. However, the shares still trade at a big discount to

last year's high of 530p. Keith Chapman, chairman, said: "I'm not aware of any potential predators but I can't categorically rule it out. It's very unlikely and we will resist any offers. We've had approaches before but I see no reason why it should go. The company is extremely well managed." The cards division. yet to be named, supplies retailers such as J Sainsbury. Tesco, Marks and Spencer. Woolworth and WH Smith.

The other half of Fine Art Development is a mail order business that concentrates on education supplies, charity trading and express gifts. The distinction between the two divisions had become clearer over the past two years on the disposal of assets, the last of which was Papertree, the retail business, sold to The Greetings Company for \$5.9 million in March. Fine Art also recently sold Tom-Wat, its troubled US mail order operation, in a move that incurred a £1.8 million loss.

Mr Chapman said: "We think each business will be able to operate much better on



Keith Chapman, left, chairman, and Tony Johnson, managing director, had much to be cheerful about yesterday

its own. Investors wll be able to assess each company individually."

However, both the divisions continue to report disappointing results. Last year, the mail order business suffered a slump in profits, from £26.7 million to £18.1 million. The card division's profits fell from £24.7 million to £22.1 million because of the cost of rationalising its wholesale business, which suffered a E12 million drop in sales.

The underlying prospects of the cards division were encouraging, however, with a 10

per cent rise in sales last year, from £83.4 million to £91.7 million, and a 15 per cent rise in operating profits, from £13.7 million to £15.8 million. US sales grew 10 per cent.

Meanwhile group pre-tax profits - before exceptional charges of £5.94 million for

losses on disposals — fell to £30.1 million, from £41.1 million, cutting earnings per share from 33.2p to 23.5p. The dividend has been held at 162p a share, after a final payout of 12.8p.

Heart FM in the Midlands and Heart 106.2 in London,

reported the best progress.

with revenue up more than 50

Chrysalis plans to bid for

the regional FM radio licences

in the North West and North

East this year. The company's

goal is to become one of the

three largest commercial

The Echo music label, with

groups such as Babybird, is

still struggling. "It's the one

company in the group that is

far from breaking even," he

said. "There's no catalogue

there yet." The 1997 dividend

GWR and Capital Radio.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### **Amstrad makes last** sale to Betacom

AMSTRAD has sold the last part of its consumer electronic business to Betacom, its sister company, for just £6.5 million. The business sold includes the contract to manufacture digital set-top boxes for the British Interactive Broadcasting consortium, which includes BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by

News International, owner of The Times.

The consideration is being paid in shares, taking Amstrad's stake in Betacom to 69.7 per cent. Alan Sugar, chairman, is looking at tax efficient ways of distributing spare cash in Amstrad to shareholders. Amstrad shares rose 2p to 2612p. Betacom slipped 42p to 642p.

#### GE action against EMI

GE LIGHTING, the former GE Thorn Lamps, is suing EMI, the music recording, publishing and HMV retail group, for £2.8 million, in a row over an alleged environmental indemnity. The action, lodged at the High Court in London, dates to 1991, when Thorn EMI, as it was before EMI's demerger, is alleged to have made certain undertakings to GE Thorn Lamps, and Thorn Lighting Limited. The writ makes reference to the investigation and cleaning up of hazardous materials. Neither party was

#### Cirqual raises funds

CIRQUAL, the specialist engineering group, yesterday announced a £15.4 million placing and open offer to fund the acquisitions of Thomas Wild Forgings, a casting business, and RFL Siebe's electronic components division. The acquisitions were completed last week and cost £14.7 million. The 6.5 million shares issued have been conditionally placed with institutions at 248p each. GWB, the investment bank that owns 36.4 per cent of Cirqual, and the existing and former directors who own 17.2 per cent will not take up their entitlements.

#### Woolwich float approved

THE Woolwich Building Society can now start counting the days until its flotation after it was given the official go-ahead to convert to a bank. The Building Societies Commission has formally cleared the Wootwich conversion, it announced yesterday. More than 2.5 million members of the society will get free shares worth an average of £1,233 this summer. July 7 is the planned conversion date. In February, Woolwich members voted overwhelmingly for conversion, but the commission has the final say. Carpetbaggers deterred, page 32

#### Kingspan disposal

KINGSPAN GROUP, the engineering company, has sold the structural steel business of Ward to a management buyout team. The deal is supported by a total funding package of E11.3 million. Kingspan is being paid in cash and preference shares for a business with sales of £49.3 million last year. It had owned the business since January when it purchased Ward from Rugby Group for £25.9 million. Kingspan is to retain Ward's building components business. Shares in Kingspan were unchanged at 695p yesterday.

#### Ecology assets top £20m

THE Ecology Building Society has topped £20 million in assets for the first time in its 16-year history. The society. based near Keighley, West Yorkshire, has 5,500 investing members and has issued about 500 mortgages. It claims to be the only society that uses a policy of basing its lending on the renovation of older properties and on new homes that are energy-efficient and involve materials that cause as little pollution as possible.

#### **Nobo issues warning**

NOBO, the office products supplier, accompanied a profit warning with news of an approach that may lead to a takeover bid for the company. Nobo said that it had suffered a downturn in demand for office products in the key final quarter of its financial year, which was likely to cause a fall in pre-tax profits from £2.93 million to about £1.9 million before exceptional charges for the year to May 3. Nobo also said that talks were taking place that may lead to an offer being made for the company, valued at £22 million at yesterday's closing share price of 124p, down 142p.

# **National Power** out of regionals

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY. INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL POWER yesterday signalled the end of its interest in buying a regional electricity company by officialing its 8 per cent stake in Southern Electric in the market. The generator, which along

with PowerGen was last year blocked from buying a regional company by the Government, is thought to have made about £5 million by selling the 38.6 million shares. It received about £162 million. In April 1996 Ian Lang, then President of the Board of Trade, accepted a Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation that National Power's proposed takeover of

Although the Labour Government could be more receptive to a similar takeover, National Power is thought not to see any value in owning a company such as Southern Electric on the present market

Southern would be against the

rates. Southern Electric is the only regional electricity company not to have been bought after the spate of takeovers in the past two years. With a market capitalisation of more than £2 billion, the company would be a huge purchase. A spokesman for National

Power said that the generator

had always intended to sell the Southern it when it bid for the company, but had been waiting for suitable conditions. At its interim figures National Power said it had incurred a loss of £56 million linked to the abortive Southern bid in losses on the shares, bid costs and its own defence work when it was approached by Southern Company of the US. The deal was done through HSBC James Capel and the price was about 420p. Southern Electric shares rose Ip to 4262 p yesterday while National Power rose 3½p to 566½p.

#### Antofagasta | to sell \$256m stake

ANTOFAGASTA Holdings, the UK-listed group with extensive mining and transport interests in Chile, is to raise \$256 million through the sale of a stake in the Los Pelambres copper mine, north of Santiago (Jon Pelambres Ashworth writes).

Two Japanese consortiums, including Nippon Mining & Metals, Mitsui and Mitsubishi, are to take a 40 per freeing funds for Antofagasta's equity financing obligations on its remaining 60 per cent stake. Los Pelambres is being developed at a cost of

Antofagasta said the Japanese deal took the mine a step forward in its development as a leading world-class producer of copper concentrates. Falling copper prices took their toll of the company last year, with pre-tax profits falling 43 per cent to £44.6 million in the year to December 31. The shares fell lp to 394p.

# Chrysalis signals breakthrough

BY ERIC REGULY

per cent.

CHRIS WRIGHT, the chairman of Chrysalis, yesterday said the radio, music and TV group was on course to break even this year after operating losses were reduced by more than a third.

Mr Wright, who owns about 40 per cent of the company, said: This should be the year when a lot of the into profit." Pre-tax profit in the half

year to February 28 was £1.5

million, compared with a loss of £3.2 million previously, but the figure included a £3.2 million gain on the sale of a half interest in CVI Media, the TV production company in Europe, to VNU of The Netherlands. The operating loss was £2 million, compared with a loss of E3.2 million, on turnover that rose 12 per cent to £52.5 million.

Mr Wright said the radio division, which owns 100.7

will be announced with the final results. The shares rose 25p to 635p. În its past financial year Chrysalis incurred a pre-tax loss of £5.3 million on turnover of E924 million.

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# Wassall expects to raise \$350m

By Eric Reguly luggage, has said it will return

WASSALL, the mini-conglomerate, yesterday said that it million from the sale of 70 per cent of General Cable, the American cable company it bought in 1994.

The deal will mark a hefty return on investment. Wassall paid about \$150 million for General Cable and the initial public offering values the whole company at more than \$500 million. In addition, the cable company generated more than £60 million in dividends.

The initial public offering of 16.9 million General Cable

be completed on May 20. range from bottle tops to

shares is to be priced at \$21 a share. The sale is expected to Wassall, whose interests

see investors receive one redeemable B share for every Wassall ordinary share. The company will also use the General Cable cash to expand its portfolio. No acquisition is thought to be immi-nent, although there is specu-lation that Wassall may bid for TLG, an industrial lighting

a "substantial" amount of the

General Cable funds to share-

holders, probably through a

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group. Wassall has built a 5.6 per cent stake in TLG. A reorganisation of Wassall's share capital will be implemented on May 27, with the distribution to shareholders expected on May 28. Wassall shares closed up

8½p to 342p.

#### TOURIST RATES

# THE SUNDAY TIMES

Strangely, for a deal

of such magnitude, the man on whom the responsiblity was about to fall was little known outside his circle. John McGrath, group chief executive of GrandMet, commanded the respect of those who knew him, but was not a man to

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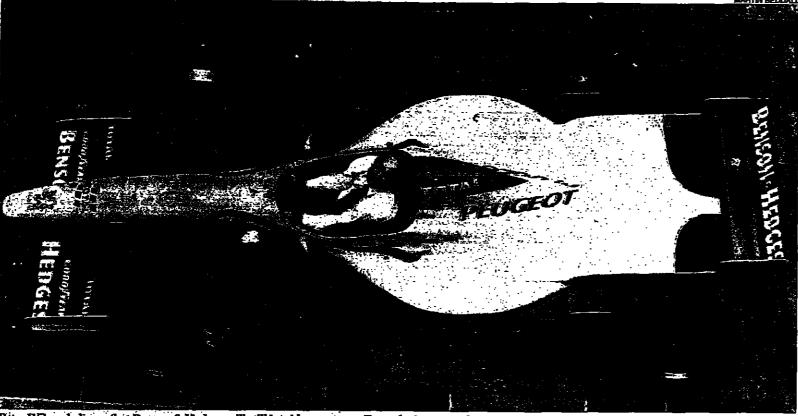
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Peter Wilson believes that Benson & Kedges will still be able to sponsor Formula One even if a proposed UK ban on tobacco advertising includes sponsorship

#### Windfall tax comes under fire

CONSUMER groups yes-terday rounded in Gor-don Brown, the Chancellor, warning that the windfall tax would result in higher bills and peor service (Christine Buckley

Bob Speares, of the Unihave come from the customer in the first place, by definition... Customers should not have to pay

twice." Yvonne Constance, head of the Electricity Consumers' committees, called for cast-iron guarantees that customers won't suffer". while Jim Gardner, chairman of the Ofwar consumer council, said the tax could unfairly penalise customers rather than the companies and shareholdwho, since privatisation, have enjoyed a very

investment" The Treasury remains confident the windfall tax cannot be challenged in British law courts and that European Commission

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good return on their

# Post Office to win freedom to compete

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

to fend off ever-growing com-

An immediate review of the options for the Post Office's future was announced by the Government yesterday. Although privatisation has been effectively vetoed, radical moves under consideration are likely to include allowing the Post Office to raise expansion funds and engage in joint ventures. The programme of closing down Crown post of-

fices has been suspended. Senior Post Office managers and the postal unions gave an enthusiastic reception to news of the review, which had been foreshadowed in Labour's preelection manifesto.

Government ministers and Whitehall expect to open talks with the Post Office on how best to give it greater commercial freedom, which Post Office managers insist they need to combat the twin threats of competition from foreign ri-

Till Coveriment is to give vals and from technologies tial. It had, he said, been Post Office as a public corpo-the Hist Office the increased such as fax and e-mail. forced to stand by while ration, along the lines of

ered a British success story but it has felt hampered in its efforts to compete. The Conservative Government had considered privatisation as a solution to the problem but abandoned the plan in the face of opposition from its backbenchers, who feared the measure would put at risk the network of rural post offices.

Ian McCartney, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, announced the latest move after writing to Sir Michael Heron, Post Office chairman, stating that as a "high priority" the Government wants to open talks with the Post Office to review policy and discuss how best to give the Post Office the greater commercial freedom it seeks. Sir Michael welcomed

Mr McCartney said yesterday that for too long, the Post Office had been held back from developing its full poten-

foreign competitors, such as the privatised Dutch post office, had been allowed to "forge ahead". He added: "We now intend to remove unnecessary and damaging shack-les, whilst ensuring that competition between the Post Office and the private sector takes place on a fair and transparent basis."

The Government is likely to reject any full or partial privatisation of the Post Office and ministers are expected to be against selling some of its constituent businesses, such as Parcelforce, the parcels delivery service, or substantial

stakes in the business. The talks with the Post Office, postal unions and user groups will aim to find ways of giving the Post Office the opportunity it wants to agree oint ventures, for which the Treasury has previously re-

fused permission. Ministers are likely to favour plans to constitute the

forced to stand by while ration, along the lines of ward by Bill Robinson, the former Treasury adviser. These would give the Post Office freedom but still maintain its positive cashflow to the

Treasury.
The Post Office deals with 17.5 billion letters a year, producing a turnover of £4 billion in 1996. Parcelforce, hit by intense competition, just

£470 million last year. The Post Office was concerned, however, about the Government's suspension of its programme to convert Crown post offices to agency status.

But leaders of the Communication Workers' Union, whose annual conference opens tomorrow in Jersey, were delighted. Derek Hodgson, acting joint general secre-tary, said: "It is marvellous news for local communities, customers, postal workers and

#### Gallaher chief in line for £1m

By Sarah Cunningham

PETER WILSON, chairman and chief executive of Gallaher, stands to make more than £1 million if the tobacco company is taken over after its flotation on May 30.

Gallaher, which is being demerged from its US parent, American Brands, is expected to be valued at £2.2 billion.

If the company, best known for its Silk Cut and Benson & Hedges cigarettes, is taken over after the float, the directors would receive two years' salary, plus rwice their last bonus and the tax value of any benefits in kind. Mr Wilson's basic salary is £485,000.

All of Gallaher's executive directors are on service contracts which, if broken by the company, would give two years' pay. The directors themselves are obliged to give only one year's notice.

These contracts are at odds with the Greenbury guidelines on executive pay. A spokesman for the company said Gallaher is for the moment retaining

American practices. The flotation prospectus, issued yesterday, said directors will be paid a discretionary annual bonus of up to half of their salary. Under a performance-based share plan, executive directors and senior staff may receive annual awards of shares or options worth up to

per cent of their salary Mr Wilson said the company intended to fight the Government's plan to ban cigarette advertising. He also said past advertising campaigns would live on in customers' minds and continue to work for the

company, even if banned. The company's strategy is to expand the business in the former Soviet Union and Asia and build up its cheaper brands in the UK.

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Anne Ashworth on tougher rules for loan companies

Fight for fair pension





Tax breaks under threat from the Budget

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Is the bull market running out of steam?

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Borrower action against excessive loan rates

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# SIB poised to be Lloyd's regulator

ments Board (SIB), the main City regulator, is set to take over the regulation of Lloyd's of London, under a bold series of proposals published yesterday. A leaner Lloyd's rulebook and more power for the Department of Trade and Industry are among the proposals that flow from an internal Lloyd's review. Lloyd's names welcomed the proposed changes, which will increase accounta-

The review promises an early challenge for Sir David Simon, the former BP chairman, who takes over Lloyd's issues at the DTL The DTI independently assesses the

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE Securities and Investmarket's solvency, and is set to see its powers extended. Sir Alan Hardcastle, chairman of the Lloyd's regulatory board, said the SIB is "the most obvious candidate" to take on external regulation with the DTI, and with day-to-day market regulation remaining with the Lloyd's council. Other proposals include reducing the size of the regula-

tory board, cutting "red tape" and compliance costs, streambility at Lime Street, and limit lining the rule book, and rethe scope for market abuse. covering regulatory costs on a "user pays" basis, rather than wholly from members' subscriptions. A specialist financial assessment unit would be set up to detect and monitor risk in the market.

### **Co-op Congress to** consider merger

By Jason Nissé

A MOTION to force the various parts of the co-operative movement to merge into a E6 billion retail giant is to be put before the Co-operative Congress, the annual meeting of the movement, in Cardiff

next weekend. A proposal to bring together the two largest parts of the movement — the Co-operative Wholesale Society and Co-operative Retail Services was rejected by CRS last

month. The idea resurfaced as CWS mounted its successful defence to the proposed £1.2 billion bid from Galileo, the vehicle of 31year-old entrepeneur Andrew

The Scottish branch of the

CWS has put a motion to the congress calling on the main groups to "put aside their petty differences and enact a plan to see the emergence of a unified Co-operative Movement in the near future".

Unification would not only bring together the CWS and CRS but also United Norwest, the largest independent co-op. Harry Moore, chief execu-tive of the CRS, rejected moves to merge with the CWS, saying it was a "management distraction".

Motions approved by the Co-operative Congress are binding on the executive of the movement, which includes two representatives from CRS and one from United Norwest.

The locals know it as Surf City.

# Door-to-door lenders feel pinch

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

WORRIED investors knocked more than £250 million off the value of financial stocks yesterday amid fears of a Government clampdown on exploitative lending to poor people.

The fall came after a warning in The

Times yesterday by Nigel Griffiths. Minister for Consumer Affairs, that highcharging mortgage lenders and home credit companies were under review. Shares in Provident Financial, the largest door-to-door lender of small loans, slumped 52 2p, to 582 2p, in early

trading, before closing at 593p. Other weekly credit collectors suffered. Cattles fell 25p, to 3132p, S&U 262p, to 3432, and London Scottish Bank 4p, to 100p.

While lenders such as City Mortgage Corporation have come under Office of Fair Trading scrutny, the country's 1,200 home credit companies have so far escaped attention, although they charge APR (annual percentage rate) of between

100 and 500 per cent on their loans.

Edward Cran, chief executive of Cattles, said 52 per cent of adults could only get loans from home credit companies. "Most Labour politicians have used the

facilities of home credit companies in the

Ruth Evans, director of the National Consumer Council, called for the creation of more credit unions. She urged the Government and local authorities to consider underwriting low-cost loans, but she cautioned that capping rates

could create a black market. Elaine Kempson, of the Policy Studies Institute, called for supermarkets and the Post Office to offer subsidised loans based on social security payments.

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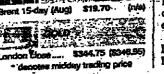
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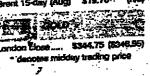
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FRASER NELSON

# Transport sector drives London to closing high

A RALLY in the downtrodden transport sector helped London to achieve another closing high yesterday as meeting with the Government feeling much more relaxed about the threat of stiffer

The market, which was up some 30 points in early trading after another record run on Wall Street, slowly eased back to a 12.7 point gain over the afternoon to close only 12.7 points ahead at 4,693.9.

Shares of the bus and railway companies led the way, with FirstBus bouncing 21p to 221p to become the best performer on the FT-SE 250. It was closely followed by National Express, whose shares reversed their six-week fall by finishing 30p stronger at 51712p.

Stagecoach. Britain's largest operator of around-town buses, rose 1912p to 037p on heavy trading as Cowie Group gained 1212p to 37212p and Go-Ahead 17p to 46S12p.

Glenda Jackson, Minister for London Transport, is understood to have told Firstbus that the Government is looking for better service rather than price regulation, concentrating instead on penalising poor service.

However, these gains were countered by a slump in the shares of the major players in the consumer credit market after yesterday's report in The Times detailing government plans to crack down on exorbitant interest charges.

Worst hit was Cattles. which lost 13 per cent of its value at one point before recovering to close 25p down at 31312p, making it the sharpest faller on the FT-SE 250. Shares in Provident Financial, which has greater exposure to the consumer loan market, fell 4512p to 58912p. The dowturn went on to knock 5120 from the shares of London Scottish Bank, now 98p. and S&U, which lost 2612p to close at 34312p.

Alcopops returned to haunt the drinks sector after the Government confirmed it is tackle the abuse by underaged from shares of Bass, which commands 70 per cent of the alchopops market through its Hooper's Hooch brand. Its shares closed at 816p.
Scottish & Newcastle,

which only three days ago agreed to market and distribute Merrydown's Two Dogs

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Chris Wright, left, with Philip McDanell, the Chrysalis managing director, saw the shares increase 25p to 685p

alcopop, saw its share fall from a day's high of 70612 to

Merrydown itself held firm at 7212p, as analysts reckoned a decline in alcopop sales could only be good news for sales of cider. Bulmer also held at 535p.

Retailers provided the FT-SE 100 with its highest climber and sharpest faller after a record high street run by Next its greeting cards arm, with its shares gaining 3512p to 276p on heavy trading. Shares of Jarvis were lifted by 9p to 28612p as it confirmed it is in talks to acquire a railway track renewal company. This follows reports in the trade press that it may pay £28 million for RelayFast as a means of strengthening its hand in Scotland and making some cost savings with its

Eurotherm's shares rose 13½p to 420p on speculation that Siebe may be sizing it up should its bid for APV fail. The company's market valuation has plunged by EL20 million to E370 million this year alone and bid speculation is being fuelled by heavy trading in its shares with 1.4 million changing hands yesterday.

Group failed to inject much optimism in the sector. Next raced ahead by 26p to a new high of 720p on the success of its spring/summer range. Its success served to throw Burton Group into worse light, as its shares plunged a further 5p to 1400 on further reflection of the trouble at its flagship Burton Menswear chain.

Fine Art Development was buoyed by its plans to spin off existing business in the North West of England. Shares of National Power

rose 4p to 566 2p as the company finally sold its 8 per cent stake in Southern Electric, left over from its abortive bid last spring. The stake leaves its cash balance well stocked, sparking rumours that it may wish to dispose of this through a special divi-dend. Southern Electric again

#### MOVERS OF THE WEEK

FirstBus	+21p +45½p +48½p +30p -14½p -16p -18p
COMMODITIES	

Week's	
	Regulation fears eased
	Merger with GrandMet
+48½p	Merger with Guinness
+30p	Takeover speculation
+52%p	\$100m savings forecast
	Trouble with menswear
-16p	Regulation concerns
-18p	Ditches alcopop marketing
-36p	Profits warning
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GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

over rumours, this time from another US utility, and its shares closed a penny higher at 42612p.

Takeover rumours also helped Abbey National to jump 25½ p to 961p. HSBC was named as a likely candidate and £12 was floated as the possible price - but analysts questioned the rationale behind such a move.

Barclays gained 1912p to £12.85 on speculation that it may be pruning its BZW investment banking arm for disposal. Siebe fell 18p to 970p on reports that GEA is prepar-ing a rival bid for APV.

Capital Radio began to see some latent market appreciation for Tuesday's acquisition of Virgin Radio as its shares gained 1712p to 575p. Chrysalis, whose chairman

is Chris Wright, saw its shares rise 25p to 685p after reporting a half-year pre-tax profit of El.5 million, compared with a E3.2 million loss previously.

In the pharmaceutical sec-tor, Shield Diagnostics gained 17<sup>1</sup>2p to 417<sup>1</sup>2p on rumours that one of the broking houses is preparing a very strong buy note to be issued next week. British Biotech gained 1012p to 27012p after a presentation in the City last night gave hope for a key set of drug development results due next month.

British Airways shares gained 12p to 760p on thin volume, as brokers stocked up in anticipation of strong results next week.

On the Alternative Invest-

ment Market, Electronic Re-

tail Systems fell 25p to 350p after the digital shelf tag producer returned US sales slightly behind expectations. GILT-EDGED: The honeymoon enjoyed by bonds after Labour's decision to hand monetary control to the Bank of England drew to a close yesterday. Surprisingly strong housing figures from the US knocked down the bond market which, in turn, provided London dealers with the excuse to take profits from cent 2000 fell from £1151032 to Ell42032, while Treasury 9 per cent 2008 eased from Ell51032

to Ell4<sup>20</sup>32.

NEW YORK: Shares held their losses amid profit-taking and a steep slide by Hewlett Packard. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 39.56 points to 7,293.99 at

#### MAJORINDICES Tokyo: Nikkei Average Hong Kong: Hang Seng ..... Amsterdam: EOE Index ..... Sydney: Frankfurt Singapore

Brusseis: Zurich: London FTSE Eurograck 100 .... Z352.35 (+23.30)

Bank of England official close (4pm) RPI \_\_\_\_\_ 156.3 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987-100 RPIX \_\_\_\_ 198.8 Apr (2.5%) Jan 1987-100

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Chrysalis	685p (+25p)
Go-Ahead	468'±0 (+17p)
	720p (+26p)
Eurotherm	420p (+13½p)
FALLS	•
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...... 970p (-18p) ..... 816p (-13p)

# TEMPUS

# The lender at the door

more concerned about the plight of the less well off than its predecessor, is keen to take up the cause of people who have little or no access to financial services. Poor people are less likely to have household insurance, life insurance and access to credit. However, they are more frequently burgled, they die younger

and are more prone to cash flow problems.

Labour needs to look at this problem urgently but dispassionately because com-panies like Provident Financial, Cattles and London Scottish Bank fill a gap in the market that widens every day. The reason for growth in the door-to-door lending market is clear for all to see: banks are shutting down branches and fleeing the small loans sector. Instead,

MONEYLENDING is a growing business and it is interesting to consider why this should be so. The Government, marginally of £200 and that is what the moneylenders provide to families who may have bank accounts but live on a weekly cash budget. This is a rich seam for door-to-door lenders

who charge interest rates that bear no relation to the wholesale cost of money. Moneylenders argue that the high rates cover the cost of weekly collection but that cannot be the whole story. The declining home service branches of siory. The decuning nome service transfers of insurers typically have expense ratios of 40 per cent but Provident Financial costs take up 60 per cent or more of its income but the company still earns a healthy 40 per cent return on equity. An industry with such high costs and high returns is inviting competition but moneylending seems to have escaped.

#### Fine Art Devs

THE question in any demerger is whether the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. In the case of Fine Art Developments, which yesterday announced the demerger of its card and paper products business, the iury is still out.

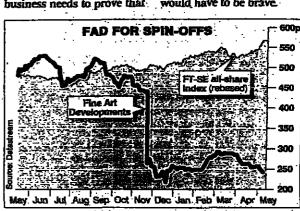
To assume that Fine Art's assets are worth more in small bits than lumped together is to assume one of two things. Either the market failed to understand Fine Art and one or both divisions were being undervalued because of ignorance, or the group's management was hindering the development of certain businesses because of lack of investment, incompetence or sheer cussedness.

There is scant evidence that either proposition is true. Some argue that the City failed to appreciate the

strength of Fine Art's card manufacturing operation. Yet the card division is no jewel, having suffered a collapse in its wholesaling business last year. Fore the card to deserve a rerating its management needs to do more than furnish its own boardroom. Likewise, the mail-order business needs to prove that

it has found the marketing skills it sadly lacked last The chance of a bid excites

some investors but the chances look slim. The cards business may be desirable but the obvious buyers, such as Hallmark, would have monopoly problems. A buyer of the mail-order business



#### Gallaher

WHAT do you call a company whose strategy involves cutting 600 jobs in Manchester while pushing the sale of an addictive drug to people in the Third World? Gallaher is unlikely to appeal to the ethical investor, but its launch on the London Stock Exchange could spark interest elsewhere. The tobacco sector of the stock market is growing in leaps and bounds at the same time as governments in the US and the UK tighten the noose around this pariah industry.

Gallaher's value will be a function of comparisons with Imperial and residual bid latter should not cloud investor assessment too much as the obvious bidder, BAT, has agreed a two-year standstill with Gallaher, but the company may suffer a higher yield than its competitor, Imperial. Gallaher is a less efficient operator, enjoying slimmer margins - hence

the planned closure of its Manchester plant. In addition, Imperial has more clout in the low-priced end of the market, which is growing more rapidly than the big-brands. Gallaher boasts Benson & Hedges and Silk Cut, but as the Government tightens the fiscal squeeze on tobacco, the discount market will take on more

importance. Therefore, Gallaher could look cheap with a yield as high as 8 per cent. However, the American investors who hold all the stock may be anxious to sell and UK. punters should check the mood stateside before plunging in.

#### Chrysalis

"UGLY Beautiful", the name of the hot-selling Babybird album on the Chrysalis Echo-label, could equally describe Chrysalis itself. The company, tightly controlled by the lavishly paid Chris Weight loses beauty marks Wright, loses beauty marks

for its perennial inability to report profits, but wins on share performance. Indeed, the shares have almost doubled in the past year.

Mr Wright says that the TV, radio and music group is investing for the future and that the future looks bright; break-even. he insists, is just around the corner. But with the shares at such high levels, now may be the time to take

Chrysalis has substantially reduced its operating losses, but the fledgeling Echo label is probably years away from generating profits. Radio is close to breaking even, but the company would gladly plunge the division back into regional radio licences to buy. Finally, the strength of division.

Chrysalis is doing the right things, but shareholders should cash in while it is still

possible to do so.

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#### A WORKING WEEK FOR: TONY GREENER

# Yachtsman who steered a course of genius

Jason Nissé on the man who will head the newly merged Guinness and GrandMet and the deals conducted behind the scenes

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Juesday of feeling relieved. The chairman was holed up in the central London offices of SJ Berwin, the sol-

bankers and drinks industry executives hammering out the details of the £23 billion merger with Grand Metropolitan. The deal, which had been under discussion since George Bull, GrandMet chairman, proposed it over the filet mignon at Dukes Hotel in St James's Place on April 10, was to be announced two days later. Miraculously, the market had not had a sniff of the news. "Getting through to Friday evening without anything blowing up in the market was crucial," Greener recollects, leaning back at the broad table in his office overlooking Portman Square, central London, kicking off a shoe and exposing a sock with a hole in it. "If no one

had guessed by Friday, we felt it would stay quiet until Monday." Most of the senior staff at Guinness were not told until after 8pm on Friday night. Lawyers from the five UK and US law firms, bankers from Lazard Brothersand SBC Warburg, stockbrokers from Cazenove and accountants from KPMG and Price Waterhouse, were all called and dard, the City lawyer, and Marcus Agius,

intensive work. A team of 15 secretaries worked in 12-hour shifts, taking notes, typing and photocopying documents.

Even over the final weekend, no one twig-ged, despite Berwin's of-fices being in the old home of The Times in Gray's Inn Road, next door to a building housing ITN, Reuters. The European and the London office of The

that side of the building," Greener says. The weekend was the culmination of a month of exploratory talks and, in the final formight, detailed discussions, to bring about a deal that Greener says everyone in both companies had known for about three years had to be done. Both GrandMet and Guinness had looked at bidding for the other company, as well as possibly snapping up smaller fish in the industry, such as Allied Domeon. To the briefing paper from its merchant bank, Lazard Brothers, exploring the possibility of a £13.2 billion aggressive bid for

GrandMet had leaked last summer. Greener, a tall, distant 56-year-old who has not commanded a great deal of affection in the City, was forced into stating that Guinness was not going to make a hostile bid for GrandMet. "We had run the numbers on a number of companies, and one had got into the public domain." he admits. "And a

LAST Saturday morn- GrandMet had done the same. But a hostile bid by one company for another could not be justified.

"What that document showed was that a bid would see a destruction of share-holder value to the tune of £2.5 billion. The premium that we would have had to pay to get GrandMet shareholders to accept would not have been a good idea for our shareholders."

The dinner with George Bull had been in the two chairmen's diaries for months. They had known each other for 17 years and met regularly to gossip about the drinks business. "It's a good idea to every so often keep in touch with colleagues from the industry. Greener says. The issue of merger was raised by Bull during the main course. He knew there would be an enthusiastic response.

Greener had a business trip to Africa planned — visiting six Guinness operations from Cape Town, South Africa, to Lagos, Nigeria, in seven days - and knew suspicions would be aroused if he cancelled. Unkind wags have speculated that Greener went on holiday, but he is not one for exotic trips, preferring to spend his time sailing, once completing the Sydney to Hobart yacht race, or skiing. "I haven't had much time for either recently," he says sternly.

Greener told Bull that Guinness would

ask Angela Morgan at Theodore Godasked to turn up at SJ Berwin, on a director of Lazard Brothers, to look into Saturday morning for 48 hours of whether a deal could win approval, both

> thorities and the City. "I told George that if the results were positive I would talk to my board and let him know." says Greener. At this point the only Guinness director brought into the information loop was Philip Yea, the finance director. Greener returned from

Africa on Saturday, April

26. The next morning he Scotsman. We pulled the blinds down on Morgan, who told him that the deal could be done. He then set about phoning the members of the Guinness board to get approval to enter detailed discussions

with GrandMet. He was given unanimous backing. This included the approval of Bernard Arnault, a Guinness non-executive and chairman of LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the French huxury goods group, which holds 142 per cent of Guirness. When the full merger proposcame to be agreed by Guinness: board, Arnault opposed them, instead suggesting a merger of LVMH's wine and spirits business with Guinness's. Greener s at pains not to irritate Arnault further by suggesting that he made a U-turn, first agreeing to and then opposing the deal.
"We got the approval from the board to
explore the idea." Greener says. "This was not an agreement to proceed or to any particular structure."

By Sunday evening, Greener was able to phone George Bull and tell him that he reasonable betting man would guess that had been given the green light to see if a



deal could be done. This meant that the real work was about to start - 12 days of intense negotiations shrouded in complete secrecy with the aim of putting full merger details to the boards of the two companies on Friday, May 9.

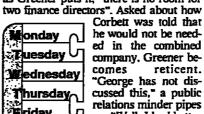
A core of four from Guinness and GrandMet came together to hammer out the deal - Greener and Yea from Guinness, Bull and John McGrath, chief exective of GrandMet from their side. The key to the success of the deal was hammering out the main points speedily and in secret.

Any sniff of the deal in the markets could dramatically move the share prices and spoil the idea that the two companies hich have a sin mhar level of profits and market capitalisation - were coming word". "There were no stand-offs, no one Commission and the US anti-trust around for ever."

worked out quite quickly. Bull had already said he was going to retire in July next year, when he is 62, so this would allow Greener to become chairman of the combined group with the two sharing the job until Bull's retirement.

Most of the other board jobs dovetailed, though Firm Johnsson, the head of United Distillers, had to accept the number two post in the combined drinks business

under Jack Keenan from GrandMet. while Gerald Corbett, GrandMet's finance director, is having to leave because, as Greener puts it, "there is no room for



company, Greener be-"George has not discussed this," a public relations minder pipes up. "Well, I had better not discuss it either,"

says Greener. It was clearly a difficult incident in the midst of negotiations that Greene savs went "without a cross

said 'this is a deal breaker'. On every single occasion we were able to deal with problems that came up," he emphasises.

The name of the new company was low on the priority list, as demonstrated by the decision to use the rather bland GMG Brands. Greener says they considered GGM but this reminded people too much

Of course, there are many issues outstanding, such as which head office the new group will use and where the 2,000 job cuts, which will bring the estimated £175 million of savings, will fall. Greener says these are details that can be thrashed out in the six months or so that it will take the various

authority — to approve the merger. For Greener the deal is the culmination of a career that has taken him from his family's cotton mill to Dunhill, where he turned the cigarette maker into an international branded goods company, to his recent years at Guinness, keeping the profits up against a background of a declining market for spirits in the US and western Europe.

He is not saying how long he will stay before he retires, but it is clear that he will oversee the company through the three years that he feels it will take for the full merger benefits to come through.

"It's for the non-executives to decide when I go," he smiles. "But I want to do a

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# Longest day

MALCOLM BATES, chairman of Pearl Assurance, had a date with the Treasury on Wednesday, we now know. He arrived, having taken the precaution of stuffing a copy of Personal Investment Authority's code of conduct down the back of his pinstriped trousers, to be carpeted by Helen Liddell, Econonic Secretary to the Treasury, for Pearl's leading role in pen-

sions mis-selling. Less well known is another meeting at the Treasury, 24 hours later. Geoffrey Robinson, Paymaster General, was discussing the Government's revamped Private Finance Initiative with the man handpicked from the world of business to conduct a thorough review of the PFL He is, of course, Malcolm Bates, chairman of the engineer Premier Farnell and a former deputy managing director at GEC, as well as being somthing in insurance, I believe. And they say a week is

a long time in politics. Peering in from the outside, and not happy about it, is Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive of the Hermes fund and the nearest equivalent to PFI maestro under the Tories. The gossip has it that Ross



Outside seemed the only place to discuss the

he was a Tory — as if Bates had survived all those years under Arnie Weinstock as some sort of closet leftie. The truth is more poignant. Ross Goobey, sensing the political wind had been working to build PFI bridges with a potential new Labour administration. Trouble was, the new Labourite he had access to was Mike O'Brien, shadow City spokesman, who, come the election, ended up at the Home Office.

● A GUIDE to Britain's Best

Employers appears from the Corporate Research Foundation. A thousand companies were screened and the best hundred to work for singled out, in terms of respect for their staff and all-round brokers and banks in there, saving Charterhouse, which one does tend to think of as a happy ship since the chief mate left. The only real big hitter to feature is Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs of the 15-hour days, of the broken marriages, of the weekendsare for wimps? Or is that Goldman Sachs that makes a few dozen of its staff millionaires every year? Truly, the path to happiness takes many directions.

#### Dream on

MARTIN SORRELL, Napolconesque boss of the WPP advertising combine, gave the latest Stockton lecture at the London Business School on. Thursday night. He told assembled business people, including David Sainsbury and Derek Lewis, of research that showed that after just five minutes of any such lecture. the audience's attention tends to wander. Rather than listening to the speaker, they indulge in wild sexual fantasies, the research proves. Mr



Sorrell spoke for 50 minutes, to allow his audience's imagination full flight. Derek Lewis the former head of prisons, left well before the dinner. So no one managed to ask him whether the subject of Ann Widdecombe had earlier flitted across his mind.

#### Man of straw

JACK STRAW, our tough new Home Secretary, is to crack down on those pernicious alcopons, after surveys showing that more than half the nation's teenagers drink the stuff. But I suspect the producers have little to fear.

It appears that responsiblity for alcopops falls between various Government departments including the Home Office, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Agriculture. Why does one suspect Mr Straw is about to learn his first lesson in ministerial impotence?

● Leafing ostentatiously through this week's copy of New Statesman — we political. turncoats need all the credibility we can get — I note that the Staggers' drift to the sensible centre is proceeding apace. .There is even an intelligent think-piece from Simon Heffer on whither the Conservatives. But what is this? "Celehrate the general election victory with a E30 saving on an annual subscription to the

New Statesman," it says, "and receive the new biography of Che Guevara - priced at £25 - free." Come, come, does no one there know the new Labour refrain: "The people's flag is deeply shred/Che was God. Now he's dead."

#### Book of years

THE fight for publishing rights to one of the most eagerly awaited political memoirs has been won. Hodder Headline will produce the first auto-biography by Sir Edward Heath. The book, as yet untitled, is not out until October next year, by which time Sir Edward will be 82. "It will be a very readable way of putting the whole of the post-War era in context," says Tim Hely Hutchinson, Hodder's chief executive. The former Prime Minister, whose previous publishing efforts were about sailing and music, has been working on the manuscript for

It will, I am told, mention Baroness Thatcher, a subject rarely far from Sir Edward's thoughts since he was ousted by the Iron Lady, and 'punch-es won't necessarily be pulled," says Hely Hutchinson. "But I think it will be balanced." There's a first time for anything, I suppose.

MARTIN WALLER



Hodder Headline has won the rights to Sir Edward Heath's autobiography

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# Burdened by bonus regulations

building society members are still facing difficulties staking a claim to bonus payouts, even though their right to receive these windfalls is enshrined in law.

Each society has its own complex rules for successor accounts and even if you know what to do, following the procedures can be difficult when you have just been bereaved. As an example, the following briefly covers how the Halifax treats successors.

If a member dies before conversion day, his or her entitlement to free shares is normally lost because membership, one of the conditions for being eligible to receive free shares ends on death. However, special terms apply if the death of a member was notified to the Halifax before November 25, 1994 or between midnight on November 25. 1994 and midnight on the day before conversion.

If the qualifying successor was a two-year investing member on the qualifying date, then he or she will be entitled to receive the basic distribution and any variable distribution that the deceased

Lizanne Rose

on problems of obtaining

windfalls due to the deceased

would have received. If the qualifying successor is not a two-year investing member. then he or she will be entitled to receive only one basic distribution.

If the first-named joint holder of one or more share accounts and/or PIBS dies, and the death was notified ot the Halifax before midnight on the day before conversion day, the qualifying successor will be the second-named joint holder who becomes the sole or first named joint holder of all share accounts or PIBS.

A qualifying successor of a deceased borrowing member is entitled to receive the basic distribution only once as a borrowing member and/or as a qualifying successor, irre-spective of the number of times he or she qualifies.



### Wrongly advised

I of Oxton, Wirral, Mer-seyside, feels dismayed at her treatment by the Halifax. After her husband's death in April 1995, she was advised by her lawyer to check on her right to his Halifax shares. But her local branch told her the share entitlement lapsed on her husband's death. She was advised to transfer his £14,000 savings into her own Halifax account.

Having accepted that she had no rights, she was surprised to read in Weekend Money that the rights deceased members would be preserved. She contacted the helpline and

Denelope McWatters. 56. her local branch to obtain confirmation that she would receive her entitlement but to date without

In spite of having been promised that she would receive exact details of her share allocation by the end of April, she is still waiting. She said: "The Halifax has a moral duty to those who had been wrongly advised. I was told to transfer Keith's money to my ac-count rather than open an

executor account. "It should have been easy for the Halifax to resolve this situation. There isn't even a question mark over

# Society acts to deter carpet-baggers

Building Society this week moved to stop "carpet-baggers" from opening accounts to benefit from any windfall bonus. The Midlandsbased society increased the opening balance for its new savings accounts from £1,000 to £2,500.

The society said it had been forced to make this move because of the large numbers of speculative accounts being opened. The high level of activity meant that the 115-branch building society no longer felt that it could give its customers adequate service levels.

The society pointed out that about a third of the 100,000 accounts opened so far this year had been opened on a speculative basis. Birmingham Midshires has been one of those most hotly tipped to demutualise, and thus provide a windfall bonus.

Speculative activity has almost certainly increased this year because billions of pounds are being freed up stockbrokers are beginning to gear with the flotations of the Alliance & themselves up for the first few days of

Leicester, Halifax, Woolwich and Northern Rock. The minimum amount of money needed to open an account carrying membership rights varies among the remaining societies.

Two of the die-hard mutuals, the

Nationwide and the Bradford & Bingley, will only require £500 to open an account. The Chelsea, Norwich & Peterborough and now the Birmingham Midshires require £2,500, while the Yorkshire and the Leeds & Holbeck require £1,000. First National, an Irish Republic building society, also appears poised to demutualise. Savers in this country must open an account in Dublin to be given the opportunity of participating in any share bonanza. The minimum amount needed to open an. account is £2,000.

With only 16 days to go before the flotation of the Halifax, the UK's biggest building society, with a market capitalisation of more than £10 billion.

trading, when buying and selling of shares is likely to be at its heaviest. Analysts believe the Halifax share price will open far above the price of 432p estimated by its advisers in the transfer document published earlier this year.

The Alliance & Leicester is now trading at around 609p a share - 40 per cent higher than the price predicted by its advisers last October. The price rocketed on the back of institutions, such as Mercury, buying, and on the back of bid speculation.

Although the Halifax is too big to be a bid target, institutions will still need to buy the shares. Barclays Stockbrokers is offering a pre-registration facility for those who want to buy more shares on the first day of the Halifax float. Barclays charges 1 per cent, with a minimum of £10 for purchase of shares. NatWest's free 32-page guide to the windfall shares can be obtained by ringing 0300 200 400.

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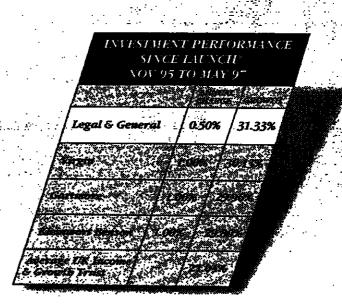
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# Lawyers cast doubt on compensation

ing scandal have writ-ten to Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary to the Trea-sury, demanding that she put pressure on pension companies to pay for compensation offers

to be independently checked. The letter from Ringrose Wharton, a Bristol solicitor, follows an out-of-court settlement this week in which a victim's original offer of compensation of £6,000 was increased to £20,500. Many morevictims could be in a similar position but are reluctant to challenge big insurance companies or face large legal hills.

Robert Wharton, partner in Ringrose Wharton, said: "People should have the right to have their offer checked either by an independent financial adviser or an actuary and paid for either the provider or the

Regulators admitted this week that more than 500,000 of an estimated 570,000 priority cases are still waiting to be compensated for being wrongly advised to transfer funds from generous company pension schemes to more risky personal pensions, three and a half years after the foll extent of the

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA), which is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the mis-selling re-view, said only just over 50,000 cases had been reviewed. Of these, only 12,650 have accepted compensation payments, worth £102 million. This is an average

of £8,000 per person. Fears are growing that some of these people could have ac-cepted offers far below what

Sara McConnell says pension mis-selling deals may fall short

they should have received. Under PIA guidelines, investors have the right to look at the calculations on which their compensation offer is based. But Weekend Money readers who have exercised this right have found the figures incomprehensible and claim they are mis-leading.

Richard Glasspoole, a Herefordshire teacher, whose case was covered in Weekend Money in February, argues that the calculations produced by the firm that sold him a personal pension do not take account of valuable benefits he would have scheme. The firm claimed it was

using PIA guidelines.
The PIA said the calculations were not designed to be user friendly". It argued that ideally customers would not need to see the figures because they should have confidence in the PIA's own checks. PIA actuaries are meant to double check compensation offers to confirm its guidelines have been followed. There is growing concern that

many victims have not even started to have their cases assessed because they are failing to respond to requests for more information from firms.

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog, is planning to target such investors in a des-perate bid to persuade more people to respond. SIB con-fessed this week that two out of five investors were failing to fill in questionnaires sent by pension providers. The question November in a bid to speed up compensation payments. A new set will be sent out in the next few weeks. If investors fail to

case will not be included within the review, however urgent it is. These new initiatives are part of another burst of determmation by regulators to resolve the scandal. The PIA has finally named the 25 worst offenders, including Legal & General, Prudential and Pearl, and set them individual targets for clearing up all their outstanding cases. The final date is December 1998.

Regulators are keen to see as many people as possible reinstated in their employer's scheme with insurance companies paying compensation for past missed benefits. But SIB has now firmed up guidelines for insurance companies to offer legally binding guarantees to those whose employers will not reinstate them.

criticised for letting insurers off the hook by allowing them time to top up personal pensions, rather than having to write an immediate cheque for

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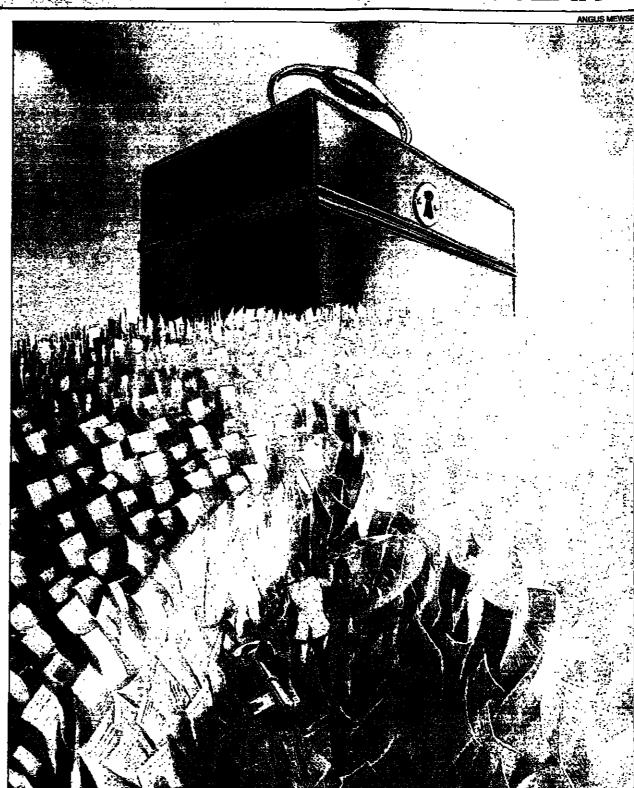
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# Higher offer includes gagging clause

are seeking redress through the courts rather than wait for the outcome of the pensions review. Two of them tell their stories (Sara McConnell writes).
Tony Nuttall left his job as a

lighting director at Border Television at the end of 1990 In September 1991, he transferred his £33,000 pension fund to Barclays Life. Just three months after the transfer, he checked the value of his fund in the press and found it: was worth only £30,000. Barelays admitted that it had advised him wrongly to transfer. Three years later. Bardays offered £0.500 compensation. Mr Nuttall rejected tins offer as derisory and complained to the Personal Investment Auto have to pay costs if I lost. I thority and the Securities and would have risked the house Investments Board. He was and I've got a family".

undreds of victims of not satisfied with the response pension mis-selling from either regulator and contacted Ringrose Wharton, a Bristol solicitor, which is acting for hundreds of pensions mis-selling victims.
Two months later Barclays

raised its offer of compensation to £20,500 after the losses were recalculated independently. But the higher offer came on condition that he agreed to a gagging clause. This, coupled with further independent calculations claiming the loss could be as much as £48,000, spurred him

into continuing his litigation. But this week, advised that he only had a 50:50 chance of warning more money, he accepted the £20,500 and £750 costs. He said: "I agreed not to cominue because I didn't want

t is three years since Tracey Glester, 35, a nurse, contacted Weekend . Money in her search for compensation from the Prudential. It had advised her to transfer from her generous National Health Service scheme to a personal pension.

The NHS has since reinstated her in its scheme but she wants the Pru to compensate her for three years' lost bene-fits. She abandoned the industry's own review process believing her case would be resolvbe of pensionable age by the time they sort that [the pen-sions review] out." She has received full support from the Royal College of Nursing, which is helping hundreds of its members in legal actions. The union is paying her costs. Her case comes to court in June for pre-trial review.



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# No windfalls to tax at BT

imes change. Generations of schoolchildren and college students were told that the will of the people on tax matters, as represented by their MPs, was paramount, so long as it was expressed clearly and unequivocally in an Act of Parliament. No more. The Treaty of Rome and subsequent European Union laws rank higher. So, informally, do judgments on the European Convention on Human Rights. Even so, the chances of a successful legal challenge to what was billed as a windfall tax on excess profits of regulated privatised monopoly utilities seem slim, given that such a tax has the people's recent, overwhelming mandate. Some of us have never suggested that -

such windfalls should be immune from tax. Far from it. In 1995, when the 12 regional electricity companies started paying out billions in surplus capital not thought to exist at the 1990 privatisation. they stood up and invited a tax.

When some, but not all, of the ten water companies followed suit under pressure from City shareholders, they too exposed financial windfalls that the Treasury, the City and their regulator had not originally allowed for. National Power and Powergen, the two big privatised power generating companies, did likewise, though they could argue that they were genuinely returning capital to shareholders because they had been forced to shed part of their previously dominant shares of the power market.

Taxing windfalls to shareholders of privatised utilities is as legitimate as it was in 1981 to tax interest rate windfalls to big clearing banks. In detail, all such



taxes are inequitable between past and present shareholders. But if one-off taxes need to be raised, there is a case for taxing the ongoing company that represents shareholders as a whole.

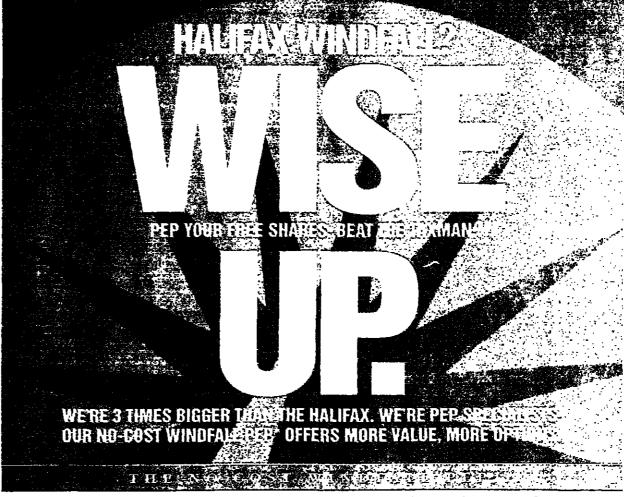
Taxing windfalls or excess profits presupposes, however, that those taxed have enjoyed a windfall, or have gained some benefit from excess profits. British Telecom has caused something of a stink by suggesting that it would challenge a windfall tax in Gordon Brown's first Budget. Critics scoff that BT earns £100 a second, without positing what a reasonable profit per second might be. Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, is right to challenge any

windfall tax on his shareholders. All two million of us must surely be wondering how we missed this windfall that Mr Brown proposes to tax. Since the initial sale of 51 per cent in 1984 to date, BT shares have delivered to shareholders a lower capital return than the market average. Normal dividends have not been conspicuously above average. Special windfall handouts have been noticeable only by their absence. True, BT shares had an intial boost,

partly because they only had to be paid for in instalments. Thereafter, they more or less followed the market average until 1994, when competition and regulation got tougher and returns fell well below average. A further quarter of BT shares were sold by the Treasury at the end of 1991, earning average returns for about 18 months and lousy returns thereafter. The last quarter were sold in 1993, giving buyers a miserable time.

No windfall, but surely there have been excess profits. Comparisons show BT's profit margins and returns being higher than at many foreign telephone utilities, particularly in America, where regulation underwrites high costs. If excess profits have been earned, however, where have they gone? Certainly not to shareholders. Clearly, any benefit of excess profits was factored fully into the sale prices. Any excess profits have already gone to the Treasury.

ith luck, the Government will fulfill its election promise and tax only windfalls. If it does so, BT, along with the relics of British Gas and others, will have nothing to fear. If a tax is levied crudely on the profits or turnover of privatised utilities, then BT as the biggest will inevitably pay most. But that would not be a legitimate tax. It would be reparations levied by a conqueror on old Labour's oldest symbolic enemy. That would deserve to be challenged, whatever the outcome.



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# Karen Zagor explains why mortgage lenders want a change from APR

# 'Meaningless and misleading'

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t a time when Nigel Griffiths, Minister for Consumer Affairs, has warned lenders against charging vulnerable borrowers exhorbitant rates and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has passed the power of making interest rate decisions to the Bank of England, consumers would do well to turn their attention to interest rates. Bank of England officials made it clear that rates might have to rise again to keep inflation in check. Last week the base rate was raised one quarter of a point to 6.25 per cent, a move followed by home-loan rises.

What is an annual percentage rate (APR)?

An APR is the yardstick used to compare borrowing. It is a single figure representing the annual cost of a loan when interest and all fees are taken into consideration. It was introduced in the Consumer Credit Act of 1974 to help consumers to understand the true cost of borrowing.



Many characters in Radio Four's The Archers, including Phil and Jill are currently fretting over rising interest rates

So why is an APR so important?

In theory, the APR pro-A in theory, the Art of the vides an accurate way of comparing loans. The higher the APR, the more the consumer pays, so if you know the APR on a credit card or a mortgage, you should be able to tell whether you are being offered a good deal. When deciding on a loan, the APR should provide enough uniformity of information to allow you to decide whether to take out a personal loan, extend your overdraft facility or run up your credit card.

Is the APR an accurate measure?

A No. says Michael Coog-an, director-general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders. He has said the APR is meaningless and potentially misleading and warns consumers not to use the APR to compare home loan costs.

Why is the APR receiving such bad press?

total. Most mortgages run for about 25 years, but the dis-count or fixed-rate period is only a fraction of that time, after which most revert to the current variable rate. If a lender takes the discounted rate and applies it to the life of the loan, the APR will be unrealistically low. But lenders cannot predict, with any certainty, where interest rates will be when the mortgage discount expires.

count for 75 per cent of the

After a ruling against the Scarborough Building Soci-ety, which advertised an APR of 1.1 per cent for a discounted mortgage, most lenders are now calculating APRs by app-lying the standard rate after the end of the discount period. But some lenders are still going by an earlier court ruling, which appears to contradict the Scarborough ruling.

So what can be doo about the APR?

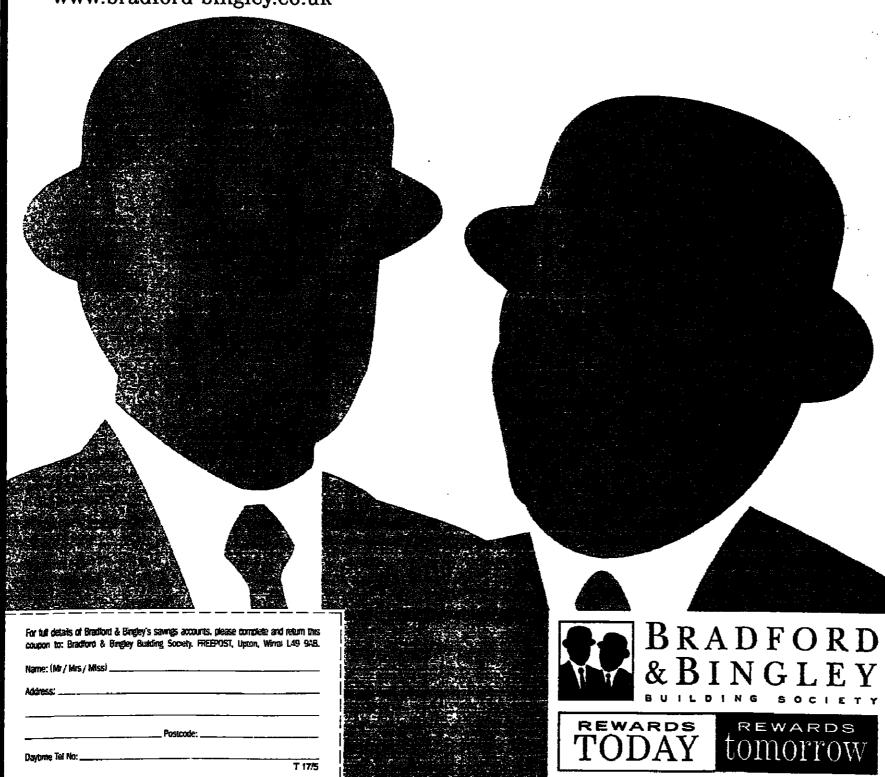
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The problem is that the

A rules for calculating an

APR are hopelessly confusing.

The situation is worst for

mortgage lenders. It is a

relatively straightforward business to compare APRs on standard variable rate mort-

gages. But the situation is

complicated for fixed and dis-

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take place your Pep manager needs three things from you: The share certificate. A completed Crest transfer form — this should be on the. back of the certificate, so you have (the number is on the certificate). Section 2 is for your name, section 3 needs your signature - don't put your signature on the change of address section at the bottom of the form unless you have actually supplied details of a new address. The box under section 3 requires the name of organisation which will be handling your shares on Crest, the stock exchanges computer system. This is not necessarily the name of the Pep manager you have chosen, but check with the company if in doubt. Some agers fill it in for you. A completed Pep applica-tion form — contact the Pep

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alone in having to watch pitremember to turn it ever! falls on application forms. Section I asks you write down. Halifax Building Society. in words the number of shares which floats in June, set a trap you have (the number is on for unwary members on page one of the share application form it sent out last month. Anyone who ticks the box on form A asking information on the Halifax Share Pep will

be barred from then requesting a share certificate. This prevent them from applying for a Pep run by any other manager Rival Pep managers have slammed Halifax. Fidelity Investments said: We believe the form misleads. Investors need to read it very carefully or go to a finan-cial adviser." It is particularly damaging as Halifax is only offering a single-company Pep, the most limited type.

want a share certificate should sign and date page two of form A. Halifax's Pep has also caused concern with an obscure option to pay dividends in the form of shares, rather than cash, the usual method. Anthony Woods, a Times reader and retired corporate lawyer. says paying shares would deprive Pep investors of a 20 per cent tax credit and allow the converting society to save up to £7 million in advanced corporation tax a year. However. John Warburton, the Pep's product manager, said paying in shares would only be in exceptional circumstances and would never be to the disadvantage of investors.

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# **Annual Problem Rate**

esearch indicates that thousands think only of the letters APR as an abbreviation for the cruellest month (in the opinion of T.S. Eliot. But even those who know that the Annual Percentage Rate shows the true cost of a loan, the figure is nowadays of limited use They cannot use it to compare the cost of discounted or fixed-rate mortgages as lenders can choose which court ruling on APR calculations they wish to follow. Credit card APRs are also a conundrum, with companies basing their APRs on differ-ent sizes of debt entirely at

whim (see page 34).

The Office of Fair Trading, a body supposedly charged with protecting consumers interests, has presided over this confusion. It has



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Personal Finance Editor

dent? Nigel Griffiths, the ies, such as Provident new Consumer Affairs Min-104 per cent to those unable OFT more muscle. However, banks. Highly against the constant that the constant of banks. Highly profitable organisation uses these powers. CMC, the mortgage claims that it plays a valuable role, saving customers exploited the law to double from the clutches of loan the clutches of loan sharks. exploited the law to double and impose redemption pen-But with rates such as these, in which line of busialties in excess of the original debt (see page 42). The OFT

company with the loss of its

Mr Griffiths's tougher rules, to be assiduously implemented by the OFT, should force companies such as CMC to compensate all the borrowers they have overcharged. Or be judged unfit ever to have another official licence to deal with

#### Seconds out

THE life companies' latest ruse in the pension scandal is to offer the victim an inadequate amount of compensation in the hope that it will be unquestioningly accepted (see page 31). This strengthens the

# Not so rosy in the garden when thieves blossom

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The crowds that will flock next week to the Chelsea Flower Show demonstrate how the British treasure their gardens. But few of the green-fingered fraternity realise the value of their shrubs, ornaments and equipment until a thief comes calling. One in ten gardeners has suffered vandalism or theft, according to Gardening Which? Yet when they check their insurance cover, they will often find that garden items are either excluded or only partially covered. Theirs of garden, statuary is one of the biggest growth areas in crime, forcing some householders to chain down urns and cupids. If your garden, shed and fences are your pride and joy, check the extent of your household and building cover and the following: garden shed and greenhouse. But garden

Buildings insurance should extend to agates and fences are often only covered for malicious damage. ■ Contents insurance may include port-

able items kept outside the property, such as garden tools and lawnmowers but the small print will probably require them to be locked away in a garden shed, garage or greenhouse and few of the latter carry locks. Churchill, for example, will protect locked items up to F2,000 with a £60 excess but for objects left in the open such as barbeques, ornamental pots and garden tables — there is a single article



Unis are popular targets for thieves

Sainsbury's Homebase launched an insurance plan in February, with two tiers of protection. For £52, up to £3,750 is covered: growing items at the £300 per tree trees are the £300 per trees. £125 per item, machinery to £200 per article, furniture to £225 and fixtures such as walls and patios to £300. An overall

£7,500 can be covered for a £96 premium, raising the single article limits to £225, £350, £325 and £500 respectively.

Many insurers will not protect shrubs that are stolen or vandalised. One exception is Barclays, which covers shrubs for up to £500 per claim with a £25 excess. Statues and equipment are also covered but not for storm damage.

Even garden ponds can be stolen. A family in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, suffered the loss of their pond, a £90 pump, two terracota animals and even a gnome. They were covered by the garden extension to their NatWest property

which costs £25 for up to £500 cover.

E Zurich Life also offers a policy extension for a flat £18 premium. It provides cover for malicious damage or theft of shrubs, ornaments and lawns. Norwich Union policyholders can take up the Plantsmans Plus scheme, arranged by JSJ Insurance of Stockport, giving up to £2,000 protection for plants and omaments either in or outside greenhouses, conservatories or summer houses.

You should grow thorny shrubs where thieves may enter; postcode portable items: lock outbuildings particularly garden sheds and greenhouses; record serial numbers, dimensions, and value of equipment with photographs.

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Anne Ashworth and Caroline Merrell on pre-Budget options

# Pensions could be in Chancellor's sights

n less than a month Gor-don Brown, the Chancellor, is expected to deliver the first Labour Budget since Denis Healey raised the red box on April 3, 1979. The pace of change in the first week of the Labour Government has led many to believe that Mr Brown will not only concentrate on the windfall tax for the utilities but also on a significant number of

Clients of some accountancy firms are said to be concerned about a possible wealth tax, to be imposed on those with wealth above a certain limit. Such a tax exists in France and Switzerland. Geneva has a maximum wealth tax of 4.5 per cent. Mr Brown's intentions in this area are unclear. But it is widely predicted that he will

make himself unpopular in Belgravia and Knightsbridge by closing some of the capital gains and inheritance tax loop-holes exploited by the wealthy. However, if there are tax rises, those on more modest incomes will not be spared. As

'It's easiest to hit those on middle incomes, as they are sitting ducks, since their salaries are subject to PAYE." Besides another five-point

John Whiting, of Price Water-

house, the accountants, said:

relief, the most likely measure

is a cut in pension tax reliefs. Many people are taking action now, putting money into pen-sion plans to benefit from higher-rate relief while it is still available. But such moves may prove futile, as Barbara Will-Berry Birch & Noble, the independent financial adviser, said: The timing of the Budget means they could bring in the change in this tax year, which means that it could be too late to benefit from the higher-rate tax relief. The changes could be backdated to April 6."

Mr Whiting added: "It is the norm not to backdate tax changes, but since Labour has a majority of 179, anything is possible." He said the usual procedure was to make changes applicable from Budget day, the next day, or the start of the new tax year.

One of the most hotly tipped Budget changes is a restriction of the tax relief on pension contributions to the basic rate of 23 per cent, saving the Government about £1 billion a year. Two million higher-rate taxpayers currently enjoy 40 per cent relief. According to Tony Filbin, pensions director of Legal & General, the reducdifference of £10,000 to the final fund of a 25-year £100 a month

Many are now topping up their pensions while they can. Members of company schemes can put up to 15 per cent of their salary into a pension. Some people are racing to pay lump sums using additional voluntary contribution arrange-Personal pensions benefit from carry-forward and carry-back provisions. This means that policyholders can take advantage of any unused

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escape any Budget change to the tax relief on contributions. Those with personal pensions can contribute between 17.5 per cent and 40 per cent of their

Charles Levett-Scrivener. of Towry Law, the financial advisers, said: The real decision should be where people invest these extra contributions. The level of the market is very high at the moment, so it may be advisable to put the extra money in to a cash fund until

To date, the usual rumours about the abolition of the tax-free lump sum available when have not surfaced. If this concession did become a Budt target, Mr Whiting said the Chancellor would be unlikely to hit those now retiring. He said: "It would be more likely to apply to those joining schemes. This means that if you resign your job and join a new pension scheme, you would not enjoy the tax-free lump sum."

Accountants report brisk business in the setting up of trusts and the making of gifts to preempt any removal of various inheritance tax (IHT) concessions. One possible target is potentially exempt transfers (Pets), lifetime gifts that will be free of IHT, provided that the donor survives for seven years. For those feeling generous, now is the time to seek an accountant's help to money away. Unlimited amounts can be distributed.

Mr Brown is also pledged to increase the sting of capital gains tax. Here reinvestment relief is seen as likely to disappear. This allows people to reinvest the proceeds of a profitable investment in unquoted shares and escape tax.

Excise duties Higher taxes on drinks seem unlikely, as Labour seems yet to have decided a stance on indirect taxation, As Mr Whiting explains, Britain has traditionally raised large amounts of revenues from taxes on alcohol and cigarettes. These taxes have served as substitutes for the social security payroll



Old Labour: Denis Healey presented the party's last Budget

cheaper to employ a worker in Britain than in some other European Union states. The only tipples tipped for extra taxation are alcopops.

For environmental and health reasons, heavier duties are expected on petrol and cigarettes, which means that you should fill your tank and pop down to the tobacconists.

Another widely rumoured change is a cut in the amount of advance corporation tax (ACT) that can be reclaimed by tax-

be reclaimed. This change will have a fundamental impact on-

Brian Wilson, researcher at Bacon & Woodrow, the consulting actuary, believes that aboling the ACT tax credit altogether could reduce the much as 0.75 per cent a year. He said: "An ACT change will also have an impact on the valuation of many occupational pension schemes. The value of assets could be reduced by as liabilities could rise 15 per cent. Overnight many big company schemes could be underfundthemselves to foot the bili.

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## Caroline Merrell and Gavin Lumsden reveal the hidden costs of investing

## Do charges take too big a bite from your investment?

ay 1 was not just a significant day for the Labour Party. For many in the investment business, May Day was also a crucial date. For the first time, millions of people who invest billions of pounds in investment and unit trusts and pensions will be given more accurate information about how much the returns on their investments are diminished by the commissions to middlemen, and management and

administration charges. Previous reforms affected only life insurance companies. New rules to make charges clearer met opposition from unit and investment trust

Charges can take huge bites from investment returns. But, in the past, it has been difficult for investors to work out the impact of these deductions.

Here The Times looks at how the charges impact on two widely held and widely promoted investments, a pension plan from a blue-blooded City investment house and a Pep with 36,000 investors.

#### Pension plans

This year Flemings, the invest-ment house, launched a per-sonal pension based on its stable of investment trusts. It was claimed to be one of the cheapest pensions available, a frequent claim nowadays

among providers.
At the launch Flemings compared its charges to those deducted by competitors in the low-cost market, such as Legal & General, Virgin and Norwich

Union. Flemings promised to be cheaper than all of these. In a much-publicised row, Virgin disputed the figures and said that Flemings was exploiting a loophole in the previous disclosure rules allowing it to claim its product was cheaper when it was not. Now this loophole has been closed.

Those who invest in the Flemings Investment Trust pension can put their money into one of a number of different funds, each with its own investment criteria. They include Fleming American and Fleming Chinese

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the watchdog, says that investment and unit trusts must follow the same pattern of expenses and charges disclosure as life insurance and personal pension products. This means that the manager must calculate the total charges over the lifetime of the investment and their impact on a hypothetical return; most companies assume a return of 9 per cent.

The charges on Flemings funds vary. For example, the charges on Fleming American reduce the return from 9 per cent to 7.9 per cent. On average, the charges on the pension plan will bring down the returns from 9 per cent to 7.6 per cent per year.

Now, when the different charges are compared on the pension plans, Flemings can no longer claim that it offers the lowest-cost pension. For example charges on Equitable Life's pension only reduce the notional 9 per cent return to 8.1 per cent, while charges on Virgin Direct's pension cut 9 per cent to 7.8 per cent. Both are cheaper than the Flemings

## Peps

The Fleming charges seem cheap when compared to Skandia's MultiPep, one of the best-selling Peps. More than 36,000 investors have pumped £250 million into MultiPep since launch three years ago. attracted by the opportunity to choose between 75 Peps from other fund managers.

However, investors pay a high price for this flexibility and there are fears that many are not making the most of it. According to the scheme's new Key Features document detail-

ing charges, the notional 9 per cent annual growth rate is cut to 5.56 per cent for lump-sum investors, a huge reduction in yield of 3.44 per cent. The situation is worse for monthly contributors into MultiPep. who see growth reduced to 4.96 per cent (a reduction in yield of 4.09 per cent).

The reason for the shortfall is that investors are charged twice, once by Skandia and again by the managers of the 75 Peps. The effect of double charging means investors can give away more than they earn, even over the long term. For example, assuming 9 per cent annual growth again, if you invested £6,000 over 10 years in Jupiter Income, a topselling Pep, via MultiPep, you would receive £7,730, an in-crease of £1,730. Not bad? You

Skandia and Jupiter. Before the PIA's disclosure rules came into force, Skandia defended itself against accusations of double-charging by saying it was able to get discounts from fund managers such as Jupiter. However, these discounts only apply to the initial charges and rarely negate them completely. For instance, Skandia

might not be so pleased to find that £1.930 has gone to

knocks off 4.53 per cent of the 6.38 per cent fee charged by Jupiter Income. It then levies its own 4.5 per cent fee, giving a total upfront charge of 6.35 per cent. When it comes to annual charges Skandia negotiates no discount and adds its own 0.75 per cent. This pushes the annual cost of investing in Jupi-ter Income through MultiPep to 2.35 per cent.

Skandia says MultiPep investors have yet to exploit properly the ability to switch between funds at reduced cost. begging the question why they stuck with their original selection, says Andre Oszman, the

scheme's manager.
So wouldn't it be better for them to buy the underlying Pep fund direct from the manager? "We never said we were cheap. If all you want to do is buy a fund from one manager and have a collection of plans over the years, there are cheaper ways of doing it," he

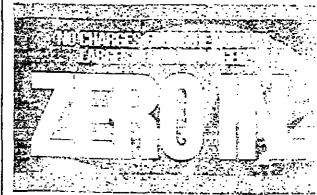
You have been warned - it might be wise to build up your assets outside MultiPep.

## POINTS TO WATCH

B efore you part with your money, read your key features document which details the aims of the investment, the risk, and the charges. These documents have been radically redesigned.

The most revealing information comes in the sections on charges. Fund managers now have to show how their fees will decrease the return on your investment, whether you invest regularly, or with a lump sum. To do this they assume annual growth for Peps of 9 per cent and 7.5 per cent for unit trusts. Pep charges, for instance, tend to reduce the yield by about 1.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent.





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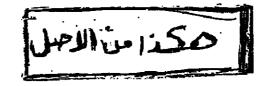
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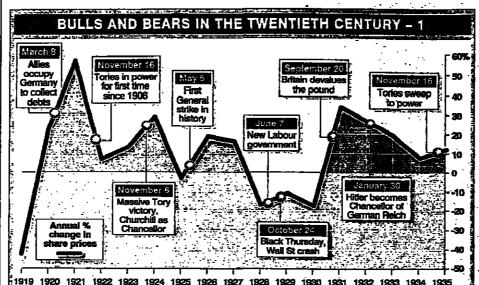
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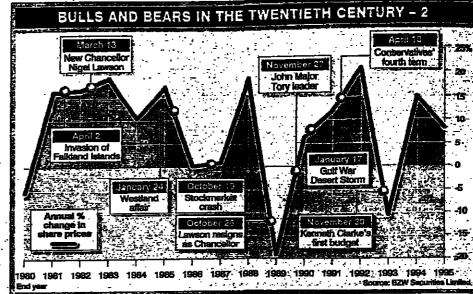
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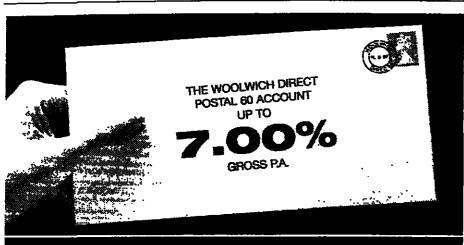


## Caroline Merrell asks whether the market is running out of steam

# Bull market's Budget fears







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now in the throes of the longest bull market of the twentieth century. This week, in spite of pronouncements from the Bank of England about the need for higher interest rates, the market hit new record highs. At the end of the week, the FT-SE 100 index reached 4,693.9, 24 per cent

Now all eyes are on the first Labour Budget which many believe will be crucial for the market's short-term direction. As the graphs above show, the stock market has risen almost continuously since the end of the 1970s. The previous longest bull run began at the beginning of 1920, and continued to 1936, just before the start of the second world war. During these years, the value of an equity portfolio with all income reinvested rose 1,257 per cent, or the equivalent of 17.7 per cent per annum.

Today's bull market, which seems to have an almost unstoppable quality, has now gone on for longer than that preceeding the Second World War. From 1991 to 1996, equi-12.9 per cent per annum. Taken in context, the much publicised stock market crash of 1987 seems more like a setback, than a reverse in fortunes. The 1990 decrease. provoked by the Gulf War, was much more marked. Over the year the decrease in the market, adjusted for inflation. was 19.1 per cent.

UK market conditions are now beginning to emulate those in the US, where the Dow has also continued to US stocks have been driven forever upwards by money pouring in from the babyboom generation investing in equities market to save for their retirement

Retail investors in the UK do not yet have the same appetite for equity investment as those in the US, but with £22 billion of cash and shares set



to be released to more than one as the flotations of the Nor-& Leicester, Woolwich and the Northern Rock go ahead, UK investors seem set to take more of an interest in investment in British companies. The selection of Frank Field,

MP for Birkenhead, to be a second to Harriet Harman at the Department of Social Security could also lead to greater participation by UK savers in the equity market. He favours some privatisation of the State pension - which will aimost inevitably lead to greater inv-

estment in UK companies. are asking is whether this bull run in the UK is sustainable. In previous years in this century, bull runs have been bought to a head by international influences. A Labour landslide in 1945 heralded the start of a bull market. Internationally, there were at least four minor wars going on, and Stalin's influence on shaping



Europe was beginning to be felt. Equities fell by 20 per cent in 1947, and fell again the following year because of the blockade of Berlin.

In 1956, the Suez crisis kicked off another, albeit teinporary, bull market Equity tion of the Suez canal, the invasion of the canal zone and the resignation of Anthony Eden. A surprise Labour victory in 1974 triggered a 24 per cent fall in share prices, followed by another 44 per cent fall over the following seven months. Only the intervention of the International Monetary Fund two years later prevent-

the UK slipping into Bill Mott, managing direc-

tor of Credit Suisse Investment Funds, thinks the market's future depends on the success of Labour policies. He foresees two scenarios, one beneficial for the market, the other disastrous. If Gordon Brown's first Budget combines rises in both personal corporate and indirect taxes, with measures to encourage companies to invest in development, this scenario would be "incredibly positive for the UK stock market on a long term view."

He added: "One of the stock market's main concerns was a ity to control inflation. This uncertainty has been removed by the move to give the Bank of England independence on monetary policy. This is good news for gilts and should also help to underpin equities in . This is because many unit .the short term." Dr Mott continued: The

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ticularly in the personal sec-tor." This would force the Bank to continue to raise interest rates to damp down consumer spending and inflation, leading to a further appreciation in sterling. Short term, the stock market would. continue to rise, with financial stocks leading the way and exporters suffering from a strong pound. He added the stock market would finally succumb to the inappropriate-

ness of this policy. Justin Urquhart Stewart. Bardays Stockbrokers managing director, sees dangers erseas. "An earthquake or banking collapse in Japan could trigger a sudden drop in the markets. Banks in the US and Japan are linked. A Jap anése banking collapse could start an international double wards spiral."

He also fears sudden to creases in inflation perhaps caused by a big rise in comin-odity prices which could in market sentiment. Equites could also fall if interest rates rose enough for investors to ments from equities to cash?

not reaped the berefit from the boomin the UK market, says Mark Dampier of Churchill Investments, who says blue chits have been the driving force behind it. While the FT-SE 100 index jumped 24 per cent n the 12 months to May 8, the FT-SE 250 index, which megures the performance of mexium-sized companies actualy fell 0 f per cent. Small combanies managed only a 3.8 gr come from big players such as the banks and oil companies headline figure from the R-SE 100 and wonder why ther funds have not done so we trusts and investment trusts invest across the whole of the All-share and are not heavy in nario would occur if taxation : these particular stocks."

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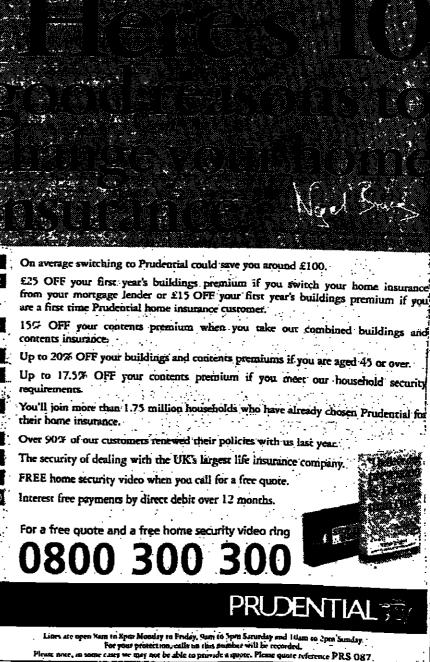
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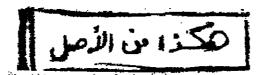
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Let bargaining begin over Labour's new tax, says Matthew Wall

# BT line is cross on windfall tax

abour's most widely trailed proposal has been the windfall tax on the privatised utilities and yet its implementation is still shrouded in mystery. There is plenty of scope for some big surprises and a lot of bitter wrangling between business and Government. On Thursday, both BAA and BT threatened that they would take court action if they were subject to the tax. ····

The Queen's Speech on Wednesday merely confirmed that the legislation would be prepared in Parliament's first session. Details will not be available until the Budget in June or July.

City consensus suggests the tax will raise between £3 billion and £5 billion and will be targeted mostly at the water and electricity industries, where regulation is deemed to have been particularly lax. The electricity industry has made £25.3 billion in pre-tax profits since privatisation in 1990-91 while the water industry has made £10.5

Most water and electricity companies have already made provision for the tax.



despite some defiant noises from the larger players, and their share prices are thought

to reflect its impact.

Labour's manifesto promised "a windfall levy on the excess profits of the privatised utilities to fund a welfare to work programme". But what are "excess" and "utility"? The regulators of the privatised industries capped prices not profits, so there is no clearly-

Valerie Homer, technical and regulatory director of the Water Companies Association, which represents the 19 water-only companies of Eng-land and Wales, says: We strongly believe that we should not be included in the windfall tax because the water supply companies have always been in the private

There were no shares sold by always paid mainstream corporation tax unlike the former

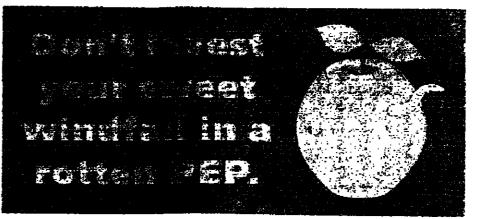
Reflecting the uncertainty, Peter Boulding, development manager at the Centre for the Study of Regulated Industries (CRI), says: "We still don't know whether it will be based on pre-tax profits, operating profits, or profits after tax, or whether it will be calculated on an historical cost basis."

Another variable is the time period over which the tax is calculated, with some com panies, such as BT and BG. able to argue that they have faced increased competition in recent years. But one telecoms analyst at

a leading investment bank believes Labour will strike a deal with BT whereby the tax is capped at an agreed level in return for upgrading its copoptic cables and other

Labour has already hinted that it might lift BT's ban on broadcasting TV signals along its wires. Much horse-





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## Merger talk lifts shares

market alight like a big, juicy merger: And tonday's announcement of Quinness and Grand Metro-plitan's proposed £24 billion to-up fitted the bill perfectly. his, coupled with a 123-point ap in the Dow Jones industriaverage on the same day. eant that the UK stock markbegan the week with a bang. he FT-SE 100 sailed past last riday's close of 4,630.9. breakig the 4,700 harrier on Tuesday and Wednesday, before ding the week at 4,693.9 Guinness rose 86p to 60212p

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deal should not go through. GMG could easily hand over the marketing and distribution of certain brands to agencies if there were any competition problems in certain countries."

The euphoria in the market was not shared by all, however. John Wakeley, drinks analyst at Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank, said: "We cannot see any upside to this deal at all and we have downgraded both companies. The spirits industry has been consolidating for the last ten years and has not improved as a

"Distribution is not as important as how good your joint company, to be called brands are and how well they GMG Brands, would have are marketed Seagram is not really worried because it knows that, for the next year or so,

Mergers in one sector tend to have a knock-on effect and bid talk swept the pharmaceuticals sector again, with Zeneca providing the focus.

On Thursday Glaxo rose 30p, SmithKline Beecham was up 8p and Zeneca climbed 1312p despite the FT-SE 100 falling 5.7 to 4,681.2.

Elsewhere in the market economic indicators continued to confuse. Although manufacturers' price rises were just 0.8 per cent for the year to April -

Budget fears...

the lowest since September 1986 - the Bank of England gave warning of higher interest rates to come. In the short-term stock mar-

ket bulls are predicting that the FT-SE will break 5,000 by the

## Turn of the tide favours savers

better deals for savers. For more than two years, many of the UK's biggest banks and building societies have neglected savers in favour of offering great deals to borrowers. The Halifar, for example, the biggest building society many only 245 for cont ing society, pays only 2.45 per cent ality, increased savings rates on its interest on £1,060 in its instant access. accounts by between 0.2 and 0.8 per account. Many building society savers cent. to take effect from May 18. The have been unable to move their money rate on its postal instant access account. for fear of losing their windfall bonnses. However, this week Abbey National and the Bradford & Bingley increased their savings rates in response to last week's 0.25 per cent rise in base sales. Abbey National has also lamphed a new 90-day account with a high interest.

rate and a free share dealing facility to coincide with the flotation of the Halifax. The Halifax is also planning to increase its savings rates, but has not yet disclosed the extent of any increase.

Bradford & Bingley, one of the few remaining societies committed to mutufor instance, is rising by 0.8 per cent. Those with £1,000 to invest will now get 5.6 per cent interest, and £25,000 will earn 6.15 per cent. Rates on the 30-day notice account have been increased by 0.65 per cent — rates now vary between 5.75 per cent and 6.3 per cent. The

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Equitable LfLevel		£8,660	£9,186	£ 9,910
Norwich UnLevel		28.567	£9,097	£ 9,832
Standard LfLevel		£8,336	£8,984	€ 9,848
Sun Lf of CanLevel		£8,379	. 28,962	€ 9,789
StalwartLevel		£8,243	£8,938	£ 9,722
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## **GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS**

ANNUAL INCOME				
Rates as at May 15, 1997				

_	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	1.000	Hambro Assured	4.35
	5,000	GE Financial Assur	5.80
	20,000	GE Financial Assur	5.95
	50,000	Hambro Assured	6.10
2 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.05
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	50,000	GE Financial Assur	6.25
3 Years			
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.40
	3.000	ITT London & Edin	6.30
	20.000	GE Financial Assur	6.33
	50,000	GE Financial Assur	6.43
4 Years	-		
	1,000	Hambro Assured	5.85
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	6.35
5 Years	-,		
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	3,000	ITT London & Edin	7.00

Source: Chamberlain de Broé 0171-434 4222. Net rates, Income and d	28
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Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	139.86	8.312	100.13	10.000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	156.32	8,317	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13,375%	161.38	8.288	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	156.32	8.317	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	145.91	8.263	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	140.36	8.372	100.25	
Halifax	8.750%	109.09	8.021	100.62	
Halifax	12.000%	143.52	7.945	100.28	
Halifax	13.625%	168.62	8.080	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	160.80	8.318	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	130.04	8.238	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	151.83	8.315	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	154.03	9.196	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	154,82	8,316	100.48	1,000
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# Continental drift

This week saw yet another recordbreaking performance from the UK market, and again continental exchanges have been left trailing in its wake. The FT-SE 100 peaked at a record 4.718.7, compared with a much less spectacular high of 2.317.69 on the FT-SE Eurotrack index. For the UK investor this offers little incentive to buy across the Channel. But behind the headlines and the records, some analysts and fund managers believe European investments ould be the next to take off.

Many European unit and investment tusts are already performing better than eponomic circumstances would indicate. In chase de Vere's latest performance tables, tin out of the top 20 Personal equity plan salifying unit trusts over the past five yars are specialist European funds.

This is an impressive statistic considerg that Europe has been in the grip of cession for much of the period, and it ggests that the emerging recovery in trope could bring strong gains for vestors. Since the disruption of Geran reunification and the ERM crisis unged Europe into a slump after 1992. ost continental countries have been agued by high unemployment and low

Last year average GDP growth for uropean states was L6 per cent. This ompares badly with the UK's projected rowth rate of 2.8 per cent and the US 5.6 er cent in the first quarter of this year. ferman unemployment is 11.3 per cent, nd in France it is 12.5 per cent. European ands have succeeded in spite of these roblems because of several factors. irstly, European interest rates are enerally low, since the "Maastricht iteria," which must be satisfied before

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countries can take part in monetary union, put a limit on rate increases. Low interest rates create poor bond yields, so European investors are now moving away from their traditional preoccupation with bonds and buying equities instead. This means that stock markets are strong even in the depths of recession, and should be in the process of growing stronger. In addition, European currencies are now cheap relative to the dollar, so exported goods are less expensive to buy abroad. This has given a boost

to industries which rely on exports. From the fund manager's point of view, Europe also offers good opportunities for those with a talent for selecting stocks. Continental companies are often less streamlined than those in the UK. which means that efficiency drives can bring strong boosts to profits. Fund managers such as Talal Shakerchi, the maverick stockpicker of Old Mutual, have built their success on identifying

companies about to restructure. Now that European GDP growth is beginning to pick up — the International Monetary Fund predicts that it will reach 2.4 per cent this year and 2.8 per cent in 1998 — the advantages of the European market should gel into strong returns, according to Roger Guy, manager of Gartmore's European Select Opportunities Fund. "We are very positive about the prospects for Europe," he said. "The whole culture is changing on the Conti-nent. Companies like Volkswagen have cut their costs enormously, and both institutional and private investors are becoming much more focused on equi-ties. The European business cycle is lagg-ing about 2 years behind the US and UK. so it could be a good time to invest."

George Magnus, a leading analyst at UBS, believes there could be an upward correction of 10 per cent in European equities over the next year. Because Europe is at a less ripe stage in its recovery, inflationary pressures are much less of a threat than they are in the US and in the UK. Figures released this week show European inflation at just 1.7 per cent in March.

hrissie Keen of Fidelity is more cautious, but also claims that European prospects are good. "We are expecting a modest recovery, and though there could be some volatility if there are delays in monetary union, such a big market offers plenty of opportuni-

A further advantage of European unit and investment trusts is that most qualify for inclusion in a Pep. As long as over 50 per cent of a fund's holdings are in European Union countries, it can be placed in a tax-efficient Pep wrapper. You can invest up to £9,000 per year tax-free

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# Just £73bn too much interest

"unnecessary and excessive" interest charges over the next 25 years because of the way mortgage lenders calculate repayments, according to a report this week by

The report found that most lenders calculate interest charges on the capital owed at the beginning of each year. This means that on repayment mortgages they fail to reduce the interest charges as the capital sum is paid off

This interest loophole will cost the typical homeowner an extra £13,680 over the next 25 years. The figure assumes a standard variable rate repayment mortgage of E51,000 charged at a rate averaging 7.24 per cent.
Yorkshire Bank is offering a Flexible

omebuyers will pay £73 billion in daily. It claims that this mortgage is one of the "unnecessary and excessive" interest few which gives customers full value for their

yearly," said Chris Herbert of Yorkshire Bank.
"Those lenders who follow this practice are effectively receiving a 12-month interest-free loan each year from their customers." Other lenders who calculate interest daily include Citibank, Birmingham Midshires, Barclays

The Yorkshire also found that a third of mortgage account holders had no idea when they were due to pay off their mortgage entirely, 56 per cent did not know their monthly repayments, and 20 per cent believed the mortgage term is always 25 years.

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## Gavin Lumsden on a Government warning to loan companies

## Lenders incur minister's wrath on rates

outspoken attack on all lenders this week, warning them to clean up their act or face tough new laws within the next few

In an exclusive interview with The Times, Mr Griffiths condemned banks and building societies for concealing the true costs of low-start and discount loans. He is waiting to see what the mortgage lenders' new voluntary code, which begins in July, will entail, but may well demand

However, Mr Griffiths reserved his particular ire for lenders who operate off the high street and charge poor people exorbitantly high rates of interest on their loans. "We take a dim view of people on low income being exploited by lenders." Companies that operate in this market (which could include City Mortgage Corporation, Provident Financial and Cattles) had been put "under review", he said.

The minister's intervention is particulary welcome for borrowers from CMC, who have begun to see the tide swing in their favour after suffering years of punitive charges followed up by aggressive legal action. The company has become notorious for trapping borrowers with dual interest rates which start low but are doubled at the slightest delay in payment.

It has also inflicted huge redemption penalties on borrowers wishing to pay off their loans early using an obscure part of the Consumer Credit Act called rule 78.

Last week, three months after John Bridgeman, Director-General of the Office of

Fair Trading, threatened to remove CMC's credit licence, announced it would abandon rule 78 from August. The company says it is now in "constructive dialogue" with the OFT on the rest of its

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This will hopefully lead to more changes at the US lender, particularly as Mr Griffiths is planning to strengthen the powers of the OFT when dealing with controversial lenders.

However, CMC's partial climbdown has only stiffened borrowers' resolve to fight on through the courts. Last month they formed the CMC Victims Association (CMCVA). Carol Riley, its national organiser, welcomed the move but wants the company to compensate borrowers who have paid the excessive redemption penalties in the past. She also wants CMC to stop its use of dual interest rates. The company entices borrowers with a discount rate of up to 9 per cent but doubles this to an 18 per cent "stan-dard" rate if there is the

slightest delay in payment. Although it claims to take a sympathetic line with borrowers who run into trouble, it has initiated more than 1,200 court proceedings in just two years. This is a huge tally for a company which has 30,000

CMC defends itself by saying it provides a service to people who cannot borrow on the high street. It points out that its customer care service booklet, which all borrowers are required to sign, highlights the fact that its interest rates are high. However, al-

## Ever-rising penalties



manager of a children's nursery in Romford, Es-sex, is typical of the com-plaints received by CMCVA (Gavin Lumsden writes). Between 1995 and 1996, the single mother of three, took out a £37,800 mortgage with CMC via a broker based in Newcastle under Lyme. Ms Carnegie, seen with sons Daniel, Edward and Michael, claims the firm's director told her the redemption penalties would be equivalent to six months' payments. By 1996 her nurs-

ery business was suffering

details. A former employee of

revealed to The Times how his

company was paid up to 10 per cent commission on the value of the loan. He claims he was

taught to evade people's questions about charges, whilst encouraging them to lie about

their income in order to get a

loan. Although borrowers were pressurised to sign up, they were required to hand-

write their own application

letter first, which limited any

He suspects that CMC's

hope is to acquire people's

homes. "Why else would you

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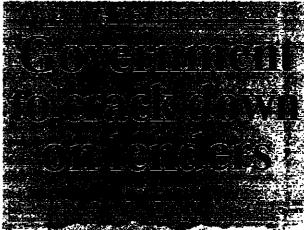
and she was already finding the £437 monthly payments difficult to meet. In spite of this. CMC frequently switched her to the standard rate of £693 when she paid late. When she asked for a redemption figure later she was shocked to be told it was £45,000.

Realising she was over her head, she decided to sell her house and move into a council house. She quickly accepted an offer of £58,000 on her house, but was then told by CMC that the redemption penalty had risen to £55,000. The company.

then started reposses proceedings against her, al-though she was on the point of raising money to repay its original soun. The company now claims £60,000.

David Milton, a solicitor representing CMCVA in posting for a trial date. Meanwhile, another case at a High Court in London is pending

CMCVA hopes this will set a precedent which will force CMC to change its ways. The wave of legal actions is a setback for CMC, which is used to



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#### Woolwich lets children down

From Mr.C. Johnson Sir, Some children will be getting nothing at all from the Woolwich float, not even the cash borrus, even worse than your article (Let down in payout, April 26). My sevenyear-old is young enough to have my wife as trustee on her account. All she did was put her birthday money in her account, taking it over £100: As she had less than £100 on the first date she doesn't get shares, but as she had more than £100 on the second, she got a vote - and if you have a

vote, you don't get the bonus. Repeated complaints to the Woolwich about the sheet injustice of this brought nothing but policy restatements: What kind of financial institution fines a seven year old for saving her birthday money? Yours faithfully, CLIVE JOHNSON,

146 Wardown Crescent, Luton, Bedfordshire

#### Tax plea

From Mr M.H. Legge Sir, It is to be hoped that not too many taypayers, who are expected to swell the contents of the Treasury's coffers by the payment of fines and penalties, will come from the ranks of those whose education and experience has failed to equip them with the knowledge and ability to complete the selfassessment forms.

A number of my friends are caught in this net, because they have a small occupational pension and a small amount of income from small sayings. On the one hand, the aggregate income in each case is far too low to meet, or to justify, the fees of a professional adviser and on the other hand, they find the forms utterly baffling. There ought to be a policy of lemence, at least for the first year. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL LEGGE, Culland Cottage,

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## Tax credit cut equals lp on income tax

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From Mr M. C. Fitzpatrick Sir, Various organisations and bosiness leaders have voiced concerns regarding the possibility of the new Government culting the rate of dividend tax credit (DTC). You may be interested in how these concerns translate into hard

Currently, the rate of DTC of 20 per cent is calculated on the gross dividend. Thus a cash dividend of £80 carries a DRC of 220; the dividend is. reduced cash reclaims from regarded for tax purposes as a gross dividend of £100 fie £80 cash plus £20 DTC).

Currently, basic-rate taxpayers pay tax at 20 per cent on dividend income this tax liability is satisfied by the DTC. Non-taxpayers can re-tributions; the resulting high-tain the DTC in cash from the er contribution would be equi-

#### Double blow

From Mr F.J. Sharples Sir. Is it not an iniquity to treat the small investor as does the London Stock Exchange? Not only is he held responsible for certificates or vouchers going astray in the post but when the system fails he is fined and charged for a letter of indemnity. Recently, I disposed of a small holding of Manchester United shares sending in my original certificate of fifty shares which on recapitalisation converted to 250 shares. The additional certificate for two hundred shares went astray in the post, but I assumed that the original certificate was adequate proof of my holding. On selling, the London Stock Exchange not only charged me £17.62 for the letter of indemnity but fined me £20 for falling to produce it. How can they justify this? Yours faithfully, F. SHARPLES, 67 Wilbraham Road,

Revenue. It has been suggest-ed that, the Government might cut the DTC rate to 15 per cent and basic-rate taxpayers would then pay income tax at 15 per cent on dividend

The Institute for Fiscal Studies has calculated that this would raise £2 billion pa. There follows an analysis of the victims of such a move. Charities would lose about £50 million per annum in

■ Pension funds would lose about £1.4 billion pa in reduced reclaims. At the very least, it seems likely that this shortfall would be made up from increased member con-

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PS. We found your name on my fathers

valent to raising the basic rate of income tax (UK wide) by nearly a penny in the pound. ■ Higher-rate taxpayers currently pay higher-rate tax of £20 on an £80 cash dividend. With the DTC reduced to 15 per cent, they would pay £23.50 on each £80 cash divi-

for the Treasury.

Currently, a Pep reclaims \$20 from the Revenue for each F80 dividend received from its UK equity investments. This reclaim would drop to about £14, costing Peps a sum approaching £100 million pa. The three million or so holders of Peos would each lose about

dend, raising £350 million pa

£30 pa on average.

Finally, individual non-taxpayers and certain overseas owners of UK equities would

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(in aggregate) reclaim about £100 million less from the Revenue each year.

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The Conservatives were the first to instigate a reduction in the rate of DTC, when Chancellor Lamont reduced it from 25 per cent to 20 per cent in 1993. The Government might be tempted to reduce it still further, in the belief that such a move represents a victimless tax increase. Any budding Chancellor who has read this letter will by now have a clearer idea precisely who the victims are.

Yours faithfully, MAURICE FITZPATRICK, Senior Tax Consultant. Chantrey Vellacott Chartered Accountants, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, WC1.

#### Widows deserve dignity in old age

From Mrs E. Marshall Sir, I was very interested in reading Jenny Grove's report (Service pension rules add to vidows distress, April 26). My husband died in 1995 after 50 years of marriage. He joined the Navy in 1935, serving 35 years, promoted to Lieutenant/Commander. He was always disappointed that on his death I would only be granted a third of his pension!

We all want to provide for ourselves, so we can spend the last years in our own homes. A realisation is also called for that the discussion about the elderly widows should not be conducted solely in economic and financial terms. The elderly have their own specific and peculiar problems. Making them feel as if they are a burden is equal to giving them a shove towards a desperate end! It is miserly repayment for the efforts they made when they were able to. They should be given more dignity, and would be of far more use to the society they helped to build if their experience and capabilities were used.

The Government - after years of not giving a fig for how its attitude towards "Armed Forces Pensions" and their families was affecting the situation - has decided that realistic thinking is overdue. A victory for \$2,000 elderly widows who still only receive a third-rate pension would do much for the next Prime Minister's image. Yours faithfully.

E. MARSHALL 47 Chestnut Avenue, Bedhampton, Hampshire.

## Shareholders could give 10% of their windfalls to charity

From Mr D.B. Mackenzie Sir. We are being courted with advice on how to invest the building society windfall payouts. On demutualisation this year, four building societies will create 16 million new small shareholders with £20 billion to invest. It seems an ideal opportunity for hard pressed charities to become beneficiaries.

If iO per cent of the new

shareholders were to donate 10 per cent of their windfall to charity this would result in a massive golden egg of £200

million to charity funds. Demutualisation windfalls only come once so now is the time for benevolence. Yours faithfully. DAVID MACKENZIE. Hillhouse. Stewarton.

#### Income charm of discounted trusts

From Mr M.W.F. Jenkin Sir, In your article (Raiders

sail in as investment trusts hit the doldrums, April 26) you failed to mention a certain advantage obtained whenever you buy an investment trust at a discount, namely that you obtain the whole income on the portfolio assets, though you are buying those assets cheap; the greater the discount, the greater the enhancement to the immediate and future (growing) income return. Yours faithfully. M. JENKIN.

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April	0.918	0.844	0.753	0.640	0.591	0.527	0.469	0,360
May	0.904	0.636	0.747	0.632	0.588	0.525	0.463	0.351
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aware that Friends Provident would slash the projected terminal bonus by 50 per cent. The reality is that Friends Provident has had the use of my premiums over a ten-year period and, taking account of the inflationary effect on

money, simply returned my premiums to me.

If I have been disappointed over the policy return, then so must many hundreds of UK Provident members who entered their contracts in good faith at that time. Yours faithfully. A. CURBISHLEY, 35 Kilburn Road.

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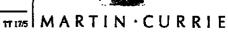
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## Whitaker romps to victory on his third string

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BY JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN WHITAKER, who asked to be excused from the Great Britain team for the Nations' Cup tomograw in order to rest Welham and Grannusch, his two World Cup horses, achieved a notable win with his third-string horse, Virtual Village Randi, in the Land Rover Great Park Stakes at the Royal Windsor

Horse Show yesterday.
The ten-fence course — bigger than the average speed class — prompted mistakes from several leading riders, including Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, a winner on the opening day, who had four faults on Virtual Village Baltimoor at fence eight. By the time that John Whitaker going 32nd out of the 40 starters - entered the ring, Bert Romp, a member of Holland's 1992 Olympic gold medal-winning team. on Burg's Mr Blue, was in the

lead, with a time of 56.29sec. With his sights set on the Land Rover car on offer for the show's leading rider. Whitaker - already the winner of four cars since November set about the course as though his life depended on it. Randi, with his white mane flying in the wind, hurtled round, appearing to adjust himself automatically in front of the fences. They finished in 54.82sec,

1.47sec faster than Romp. "I knew the course would. suit him," Whitaker said. "It was quite big for an ordinary

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provides

speed horse to cope with, but Randi can do grands prix as well as speed classes and he is a very careful horse."

When Whitaker bought the Hungarian-bred stallion three years ago, he had hoped he would prove a replacement for the legendary Milton Although he has not turned out to be as good as Whitaker had anticipated, he is a more than capable all-rounder and has

THE LAND ROVER GREAT PARK STAKES:

1. Writted Village Rand! (J. Whiteler, GB) D is 54 82. 2. Burg's Mr Blue (B Romp, Holl) D is 56.29, 3. Goldenbridge (W J van des Schans, Holl) D in 57.09. Hildon Skr Ber. 1. Lionel (R Hoelstra, GB) C; 2. Senettr Mighty Skre [R Smith, GB) 4. Harrods Driving Grand Prix for house teams (alter dreseage): 7. G Bournan (GB) 40 5; 2. Y Cherdon (Hell) 44.3; 3. F Brasseur, (BB) 453. Hotse paint: 1, G Bournan Jr 7.2; 2. W Bournan Bristy (GB) 40.5; 3. R Weggelant 46 1. Mountains and Moortand In-hand champolposinity; 1,8 Hell's

been a prolific winner on the county show circuit. He is also a working stallion, covering around 30 mares a year. Later, in brilliant sunlight, the main arena was treated to a spectacular display of jumping from Rob Hoekstra, on Lionel, his American thoroughbred, as they won the Hildon Six Bar. Hoekstra, from Speldhurst near Tunbridge Wells, was the only

rider to go clear in the fifth and final round, when the last fence stood at 6ft.

Robert Smith, a member of the British team for the Nations' Cup event, was the only other rider to reach the last round. He cleared the final fence, but hit the second on Senator Mighty Blue, his puis-

The British team, Nations' Cup winners for the past two years, will have their work cut out if they are to win again tomorrow. Both Holland and Ireland - the latter led by Peter Charles, the European champion, on La Ina — are fielding strong teams. Britain, in the absence of John Whitaker, will rely heavily on Geoff Billington, on It's Otto. whose double-clear round last year helped secure victory.

George Bowman, seeking an eleventh win in the Harrods Driving Grand Prix. has taken the overnight lead after a well-judged dressage test with his team of Cumberland Cobs. The one-time scrap metal merchant lies just under four points ahead of Ysbrand Chardon, the former world champion from Holland, with his team of Dutch geldings. With Felix Brasseur, the reigning world champion, of Belgium, a point behind in third place, Bowman cannot afford a mistake as the competition moves on to today's marathon phase, the most influential part of the event.



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Diane Hogg, on Barrollo, came third in the Hermes Grand Prix dressage yesterday

"Next season, we need to

Rowell said.

have settled on the England squad going into the World

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of who plays at No 10 and who

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Birrell Trust, whose aim is to

help the education of under-

privileged children in South

the efforts of players.

date a style of play."

#### RUGBY UNION: ARGENTINA POSE FORMIDABLE TEST FOR ENGLAND FORWARDS

## Hopefuls chase World Cup places

flying start BOBBY CRUTCHLEY enjoyed himself on the opening day of the men's European club championship (B division) in Cagliari yesterday, scoring a hat-trick for Cannock in a 4-1 win over Swansea. He would have made an ever greater impact but for a series of fine saves by William Barletta in the Swan-

Instonians, from Belfast, beat Grange, of Scotland, 3-2. despite being 2-0 down until the 45th minute and having John Atkins and Mark Irwin sent to the sin bin in the second half. In the women's event in The

sea goal.

Hague, Hightown held out against tremendous secondhalf pressure to win their opening game 3-2 against Donchanka.

A strike from a penalty corner by Tina Cullen and two goals from Yana Williams put the Merseyside club 3-0 ahead after 26 minutes, but the Russians then took control and Hightown were grateful for an inspired performance in goal by Carolyn

FORTY EIGHT of England's best rugby union players leave this weekend on tours that, though they may differ in immediate standing, are of substantial long-term signifi-cance. The British Isles take 18 Englishmen in their 35-strong party to South Africa this evening, while the other 30 leave for Argentina tomorrow with an England squad that is expected to provide several of the 1999 World Cup team.

At least the Lions have a week in which to acclimatise before beginning their demanding 13-match schedule, against an Eastern Province selection in Port Elizabeth. England will no sooner have touched the ground in Buenos Aires than they will be on their way to Cordoba for their first match against the local provincial XV on Wednesday.

There are few more demanding countries than Argentina for developing forwards to cut their teeth: not only are the local forwards phsyically strong, but they play in a raucous, passionate environment in which cool heads will be at a premium. In such a context, the likes of

Tony Diprose, Nigel Redman and Ben Clarke will be invaluable for their experience and Diprose, indeed, may return

with the international cap that has so often seemed within his grasp over the past three years, although the competition in the back row will be substantial. Yet it will be essential for the England management to mould a new and effective tight five because that is where Argentina have traditionally excelled; given that six of England's best locks are absent, either in South Africa or injured, the training over the past week has been

vital. This is also the tour on which Alex King may emerge as a strong international contender. The Wasps stand-off half has enjoyed a wonderful

first season of senior rugby, in which his club deservedly won ed at Twickenham last Dethe Courage Clubs Championcember a willingness to play an open game. Having come ship, and while Mike Catt goes as the sitting tenant at No 10, King's ability to control as close as two points to an historic win, they will redoua game has grown stronger ble their efforts in the two with each league outing.
"No 10 is a position England internationals in Buenos

Cup."

still need to resolve," Jack Rowell, the coach, said. We expect Paul Grayson to make further progress with the Lions, Catt is the man in situ, but King has yet to come through and we are taking Mark Mapletoft, who has distinguished himself increasingly with Gloucester." Not only that, Mapletoft was the country's leading points-scorer with 494, including 20

Argentina are calling home several expatriates, Federico Mendez and German Llanes

ment, the Rugby Football Union's initiative in providing additional management skills for coaches and directors of rugby at seminars during the summer is to be applauded,

## CONFORDERS.

SCUAD: Backs: J Mallinder (Sale), M Mapletoft (Gioucester), A Adebayo (Bath), D D'Leery (Harlsquires), D Rees (Sale), J Steighsholme (Bath), M Allen (Northampton), J Bassandell (Sale), P de Glarville (Bath), N Greenstock (Wisspe), M Cattl (Bath), N King (Wespe), K Bracken (Saracens), A Gomersell (Wespe), Porwerds: D Gerforth (Lelcoster), R Hardwick (Coventry), J Malliett (Bath), K Vates (Beth), R Cockell (Lelcoster), P Greening (Glaucester), D Baldwin (Sale), D Grewcock (Coventry),

ITMERARY: May: 21: v Cordobs (Cordobs); 24: v Buenos Aires (BA Cricket and Rugby Club); 27: v Argentina A (BA Cricket for Circlet and Rugby Club); 37: v Argentina (Ferro Carril Oeste, Buenos Aires). June: 2: v Cuyo (Mendoza); 7: v Argentina (Ferro Carril Oeste).

## Law sweeps to final of Hoya Cup

SAILING

CHRIS LAW, of Great Britain, sailing with Andy Hemmings, James Stagg and Julian Salter, put on a master-ly display of match racing yesterday to progress smoothly to the final of the Hoya Royal Lymington Cup today (Edward Gorman writes).

Law, faced with his toughest opponent of the week in Bertrand Pace, of France, a former world champion. overcame him with a slick and inventive performance to win 3-0. Law's opponent today is Morten Henriksen, of Denmark, who beat Peter Holmberg, of the US Virgin Islands, 3-0 in the other semifinal.

Law rates his crew the best he has raced with. In the opening round-robins, he lost only one of his seven matches before overwhelming Andy Green, of Britain, 3-0 in the quarter-finals.

Yesterday, the issue was probably settled in a very tight first race, which was sailed in a light breeze right underneath the battlements of Hurst Castle and out of the worst of the tide.

Fourth division north

Sheffield v Aspatria . . .

Stones Super League

OTHER MATCH: Oxbridge Classic XV v British Classic AV (at littley Road)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Pans Saint-Germain v Sheffield (at Charlety Stadium, Paris. 7.0).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE Pre-mier division: Seddleworth v Wigan St Petrol.'s (2:30) Second division: Ovenden v Skirkurgh (2:30)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: Lecester

rngham, North London v Kingston

HOCKEY

JUNIOR DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT: East v Mediands (10 30); South v North (12 15); West v East (20) Motionals v North (3 45), West v South (5.30) (at National Stadium, Abbon Keynes)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): Barcelona Dragons v London Monarchs (7.30)

CYCLING, Hillington Circuit Races (Springfield Road Trading Estate, 10.20am), RTTC (Tenko senes, 27.4 miles.

EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor Horse

GOLF: English Open (at Hanbury Manon); WPGA Tour Players' Classic (at Macdes-field), Irish Seniors' Open (at St Margaret's, Jubin); Brabacon Trophy English emeteur strokepky champonship (at Saunton, North Devor)

NOVIN DEVICE)
ROWING: Barcleys Bractiond Sprint Regista (Hist Web, Shipley, 11.0).

SPEEDWAY: Elita League: Eastbourne v Poole (7:30) Amateur Leagues Bennote Vatinglan (7:0); Bernote v Long Estion and Wayerhampton (8:30); Swindon and Reading v Belle Yuc (at Swendon, 7:30)

Great Eastor, 20:

## Let Warne put the fizz into your summer

FREE champagne! Yes, once again it is time for this column's favourite intro and once again a chance to win a bottle of its house champagne, the ambrosial Nicolas Feuil-

The task I demand of you is simplicity, or complexity, it-self: predict how many Test match wickets Shane Warne will take this summer. Here is some form for your guidance: Warne took 34 wickers, starting with That Ball — his first in Test match cricket in England, with which he bowled the frankly disbelieving Mike Gatting - when he took part in the Ashes series of 1993. He is 26, with 240 Test wickets to his name at an average of 23.94. He has had an operation on his spinning finger, the most famous single digit in world sport. He says he is in the best form of his life, but then he always does.

His favourite bunny, or serial victim, in Test cricket is Michael Atherion, the England captain; he has dismissed Atherton six times. Atherton shares this honour with Graham Gooch, his predecessor as England captain. The record for the number of Test wickets taken by an Austra-lian in England is held by Terry Alderman with 42. Seeing that the year of this triumph was 1981, I would be happy to see Warne achieve the same total, in exchange for the same result in the series. Send in your predictions now: the competition closes when the first Test match ball fizzes from Warne's hand.

☐ This column traditionally fights shy of misprint stories, on the general there-but-forthe-grace-of-God principle. But I can resist anything except temptation, so here is a press release from Bonhams about an auction of pictures, including one of ladies at play. "This is especially interesting as it shows battledore and shuttlecock as a gentile family recreation ..." Oi vay.

## Shop soiled

I do love a good marathon story — and there is no cheat like an old cheat, that's what I say. John and Suzanne Murphy, aged 61 and 59, broke all kinds of records when they took part in the Boston Marathon recently. Their times rocketed them into the all-time elite category of aged runners. However, and inevitably, they took a short cut. Unwisely, they used a shopping maul - I believe that is the correct spelling — for their ploy. Not



SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

discreet: shopping mauls are copiously big-brothered with surveillance cameras and there on videotape were the naughty old pair joggin' on through. I believe it is called growing old disgracefully.

#### Girl power

A Cup Final is never complete without loony, ambition-crazed dads betting that their baby boys will play in a Cup Final. In the face of such macho posturing, I would like to salute the triumph of the daughter: the emergence of the starlet, Garrinchina. This is the cognomen of Livia Olivera dos Santos, daughter of Garrincha, the great Brazilian footballer. Garrincha had seven daughters by his first wife, whom he left for a cabaret singer. Garrinchina was the eighth daughter, the fruit of Garrincha's last love. Vanderleia Oliveira. Garrinchina is 16 and has just made her debut as a professional footballer with Vasco da Gama. Like her father, she plays on the right wing. Garrincha, weakened by alchoholism, died when Garrinchina was two. Just before he died, he told the girl's mother: "She will be a footballer."

#### Banned band

Football is the world's game, the most democratic and pop-ulist sport on earth. Why then, do they keep preventing people from playing it? Banned player one: Raj Thapar, 13, of West Orange, United States. Reason for ban: wearing a patka, as worn by such great athletes as Bishen Bedi. Thapar had played for his team all season, but this time, the referee, Al Scarmato, said he couldn't take the field in his patka. His team lost 2-0. The referee, this being the United States, was fearful of legal action. "If he's afraid of being sued, he shouldn't be a referee," a spokesman for the local FA said. The match will be replayed. Banned player two: Megan

McKenna, a Canadian playing in New Zealand. Reason for ban: sex. Or rather gender. She is a woman. Fifa itself has banned her for this terrible crime: she can longer play football for her university. The commonsense of the issue has been lost." McKenna said. She is taking her case to the New Zealand Human Rights Commission.

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ATHLETICS

**AUSTRALIAN RULES** 

BALLROOM DANCING

OLSZTYN, Poland: European profession-al modern championships: 1, L. Bericchi and I. Barry (Eng); 2, F. Saimi and S. Farnello (II); 3, K. and C. Appel (Nor); 4, T. Horeson, and J. Bolton (Eng); 5, M. Gorgianni and A. Menifedini (t) 6, J. Werner and M. Colagreco (Con).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 8 Sen Dego 2: Prüsburgh 4 Colorado 3: Concurreit 1 Los Angeles 2: Montreal 8 Sen Franceco 7

AMERICAN LEAGUE; Seattle 3 Chicago White Sox 4, Kaneas City 10 Detroit 9, Texas White Sox 4, Kaneas City 10 Detroit 9, Texas 2 New York Yankes 8; Anaholi Bahmore 2; Cakland 6 Milwaufise 5.

RASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA): Play-

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WICEPES MATCHES: MCC 232-6 " Hab erclastress" Aske's, Estiga 160; Oswasto 147-4 "Whelch 148-1." denotes home team

FOOTBALL

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Norwich City 1 Luton Town 4.

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(Moor Part), G Hawret (Fr), S Walter
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(Enfield), J Herris (Ming's Notion), R Lathern
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P Hanseon lost to Rearks and E Fodes
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1 Howard 2 and 1; Gustafsson lost to Walton
2 and 1; Torines bt Mackeraie 6 and 5;
Stenson bt Forbes 5 and 3 Henson bt
Beemes 2 and 1; Blomquist lost to Forsyth 3

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CATANÉR, Baly: Women's European club
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0 Denano Suriny (Llur) 1. Pool B: AC Verne
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ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP. Braction 38
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32 Oldheim 24; Wigen 44 Heilitex 20.

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MIDDLESEX SEVENS: Sloth-round draw: Wasps v London Scottish (11 20am); Sale v Richmond (11-40); Leisester v Blackheath (12.0); Order V Blackheath American Barbartens v Guidiord and Godarhing (12-40); Harlequins v Octord University (1.0); Bash v Saracens (1-20); Bristol v Italy (1-40). ICE HOCKEY

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LYMINGTON: Hoye Royal Lymington Cup: Quarter-linets: C Law (GB) or A Green (GB) 3-0; B Paché (Fr) bt 1 Pepponet (Fr) 3-1; P Holmberg (US) bt M Jones (N2) 3-1; M Henriksen (Den) bt M (Holmberg (Swe)

**SPEEDWAY** 

SHEFFELD: World championship: British sent-finel, second log: 1, S Smith (Shef-seid) 13; 2, D Welsh (Braciford) 12; 3, S Wison (unstached) 12; Qualifies for British final (at Coventy, June 1); Wison 24, Smith 23, U Barler (Easthourne) 22, S Wicols (powerh) 22, G Shead (Braciford) 22, N Tatum (Cotord) 19; Reserve: C Stonntesser of one Estent 18.

ROME: Men's tournement: Third round: S Draper (Aus) to D Scale (h) 7-5, 6-2; K Alami (Mor.) at S Bruguera (Sp) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. Cuarter-finals; G herriseric (Cro) bi Droper 6-4, 5-4; A Corretja (Sp) bi Alami 4-8, 7-5, 6-3. 5.3. Women's tournament: Ouerter-finals: J Novoine (Cz) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 1-6, 6-2, 6-0; A Coetzer (SA) bt S Graf (Gar) 6-0, 6-1; M J Fernands (US) bt A Kourn-lova, (Russ) 6-1, 6-4; M Pierce (Fr) bt 1 6-0, 6-1; M J Fernandez (LS) bl. A Kourn-kova (Russ) 6-1, 6-4; M Pierce (Fr) bl. 1 Majoli (Cro) 8-1, 6-4 CARDIFF: Women's for branchent: Charles-finals: S Pittowski (Fr) bl. A Centeson (Sive) 7-5, 6-4, A Decheume-Balloret (Fr) bl. F Luburni (ft) 2-6, 8-4, 8-2, V Rusno-Pascual (Sp) bl. P Langrova (C2) 5-4, 8-2, R Grande (it) bl. D van Roost (Bel) 1-6, 8-2, 7-5. Today FOOTBALL

FA Cup Final Cheisea v Middlesbrough (at Wembley, 3 0) Bell's Scottish League Premier division play-off First leg Hibernian v Andrieonians (3 0)

CRICKET Tour match 10.45, 50 overs NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v

Britannic Assurance 11.0. final day of tour, 96 overs minimum CHELMSFORD: Essex v Durham SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v CANTERBLIRY: Kent v Glamoroan OLD TRAFFORD; Lancashire v Nottinohamshire

TAUNTON: Somersel v Susses University match 11 0. 50 overs FENNER'S: Cambridge v Oxford RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 · Courage Clubs Championship Harrogate v Liverpoot St Helens Tomorrow

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CHELMSFORD: Essex v Durham SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Leicestershire CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgai OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v

Notinghamshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Sussex
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EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v
Yorkshire MCC TROPHY (one day) Finchampstead Berkehre v Shropshire Brockhamptond Harefordshire v Comwait, Shenley Park-Hartfordshire v Lincothere, Copdock CC: Sufficik v Staffordshire. FOOTBALL

FA Umbro Trophy Final Dagenham and Redbridge v Woking 

WELSH CUP: Final: Barry v Cwmbran (al Nanan Park, Cardil, 3 15) FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: Milwali v Îranmere (al The Den, 20) HOCKEY

JUNIOR DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT: North v East (9.30); Middands v West (11.15); East v South (1.0), North v West (2.45); South v Midlands (4.30) (at National

RUGBY LEAGUE Nick-off 3.0 unless stated Castleford v Salford (3.30) Halifax v Wigan
Oldham v Leeds
Warrington v Bradford (6.35). First division Hull KR v Dewsbury Keighley v Huddersfletd Swinton v Featherstone Whitehaven v Wakefield (3.30)

Widnes v Hull Second division Barrow v Leigh Batley v Carlisle (3.15)..... Doncaster v Rochdale York v Bramley

OTHER SPORT AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): Scotish Claymoses y Amsterdam Admirals (et Murrayfield, 3 0) CYCLING: Redman Hilly (73 miles, Holmwood, 6 15am) EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor Horse

GOLF: English Open (at Henbury Manon, WPGA Tour Players' Classic (at Maccles-field), irish Seniors Open (at St Margaret's, Dublin): Brabazon Trophy English amateur strokeolay championship (at Sauntori, North Devon)

MOTOR RACING: British rouning car championship (al Brands Hetch): British Formula Three championship (at Croll) Formula Three championship (at Croft)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradford v
Eastbourne (6 D), Swindon v Beile Vue (8 D),
Premier League: Newport v Berwck (2 30)
Premier League: Cup: Glasgow v
Newcastle (1 30); Newcastle v Glasgow (7 30); Oxford v Arens Esser (7 0);
Skegness v Eveler (6 30); Skegness v
Reading (8.0), Amateur League: Lethallan v Long Eaton and Wolverhampton (6.0).

# THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO A FEROCIOUS LIONS TOUR TOTAL SPORT MAGAZINE, JUNE ISSUE OUT NOV

CRICKET

## Surrey only delay the inevitable

By Barney Spender

first over, Smith had a fine

opening spell, conceding just a

single from his next five overs.

while Lawrence huffed and

puffed at the other end. It took

an hour and a quarter before

the initial breakthrough came.

however, when Shahid drove

at Alleyne and edged to

Hollioake on the pads four overs later, it looked a dead

game. Then Ratcliffe joined

Thorpe and produced the com-

posed kind of innings that

suggested Surrey might do

well to use him on a more

regular basis than they did last year. They added 83 together before Ball dismissed

Ben Hollioake played one

textbook cover drive off

Alleyne, but the Gloucester-

shire captain, finding enough

swing to keep the batsmen on

their toes, tempted him into

one drive too many and Ball

caught a low chance at first slip. Three balls later, Thorpe's patient innings end-

ed lamely when he clipped Alleyne straight to Cunliffe at

Martin Bicknell and Tudor

saved the innings defeat, but

Alleyne plugged away to wrap

up the innings. In the end, it

was a triumph for teamwork

and discipline, although

Allevne in his first season as

captain, has no illusions about

the county's present standing.

then fallen away, so the real test

for us is to see if we can stay

there," he said. "There are a lot

of other teams out there playing

just as well as us."

"In the last couple of seasons, we have made a good start and

Ratcliffe for a positive 45.

When Alleyne rapped Adam

Russell.

THE OVAL (third day of four): Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Surrey (4) by nine wickets

AT LAST, Surrey produced some applied and disciplined cricket. Alas, it came when the game was all but up and provided no more than a temporary glitch in Gloucestershire's march to an impressive victory inside three days. The win confirms their status as early county championship

Fittingly, it was their cap-tain, Mark Alleyne, who hustled them to victory, taking six of the seven Surrey wickets to fall and finishing with careerbest figures of six for 64.

Starting the day on 59 for three in their second innings. and under a grey sky to match their position. Surrey desper-ately needed a good showing from their remaining batsmen to get near the 256 that they required to make Gloucestershire bat again.

Thanks largely to Graham Thorpe, who stuck around for nearly five hours for his 81. they escaped an innings defeat, but, despite the removal of Trainor for nought, Wright and Cunliffe knocked off the 14 runs needed in time to enjoy well-deserved

Thorpe, who seems certain to figure in the England Texaco Tropy squad to be announced tomorrow, never looked entirely at home, especially against the off spin of Ball. He kept his head down, however, changed his gloves with Gooch-like regularity and bashed the odd bad ball

He had good support from Shahid, Ratcliffe and Ben Hollioake, but, in the end, the controlled and patient Gloucestershire bowling ac-counted for each of them. Alleyne, bowling his briskish medium pace, came away with the rewards, but he benefited from the work of his colleagues, most notably Bail

Ball, who has been a long time establishing himself in



Thorpe sweeps on his way to 81 as Surrey put up limited resistance to Gloucestershire at the Oval yesterday

## Athey gives Sussex stay of execution

TAUNTON (third day of four): Sussex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand.

BILL ATHEY is rather old to be doing impersonations of a boy standing on a burning deck, but that is the role that springs to mind watching him bat for Sussex this season. The club's new vice-captain is selling his wicket more dearly than ever and his unbeaten 70 in 34 hours yesterday - along

alive his team's chances of saving this game. Sussex remain in a perilous

their second innings, but

with alacrity and, once he had negotiated the first hour. played with some freedom. The cover-drive to the boundary off Parsons that brought up his half-century took him past 25,000 runs in his career. a milestone also achieved only by Gooch, Gatting, Hick and Robinson among contemporaries. He could not have got there in a more elegant

Somerset were made to work hard for their few successes, the overcast skies singularly failing to encourage the ball to swing. Shine pro-

dispatch Moores, Rose brought one back to have Greenfield leg-before offering no stroke and Taylor was extracted by Mushtaq, caught at slip essaying a drive.
Once again, Caddick

bowled well without luck and without a wicket. Before tea, he gave it everything in an effort to chip out Athey, but to no avail. The changeable weather may come to Sussex's assistance again today and its interference may be Athey's best chance of watching Middlesbrough - his beloved native city - play in the Cup

three for 60, dismissing David Leatherdale and Reuben Spiring legbefore and Steve Rhodes caught at first

Millns Yorkshire gives foiled as Brown digs in lesson

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwickshire (20pts) beat Yorkshire (5) by four

By RICHARD HOBSON

WARWICKSHIRE emerged from a position bordering on the hopeless to record their first championship success of the season yesterday in a manner suggesting that plenty more will follow. On a pitch on which 33 wickets had fallen on the first

two days, they recovered from 94 for five to achieve their target of 248 to beat Yorkshire for the loss of just one more wicket. When it mattered most, Yorkshire bowled carelessiv the indefatigable Gough a notable exception - while their outfielding became shoddy.

Nobody epitomised Warwickshire's resolve more ably than Dougle Brown. His innings, lasting for almost three hours, was an odyssey in itself: When eight, he was dropped by Vaughan; eight rons later, he was struck on the hand by a rearing ball from White. Having reached 56, he was hit for a second time, on the forearm by Gough. Two balls later. Silverwood spilt a chance at long leg and was duly punished in the following over when Brown whipped successive deliveries through the leg side to seal the game.

Having reached the boundary for the eleventh time in all, Brown looked towards the dressing room and punched the air in jubilation. Among those mirroring his grin was Trevor Penney, perhaps thankful that his services were not required for a second time. in the day.

Earlier, after Gough had yorked Ostler and prompted a rash drive from Hemp, Penney added 54 in 20 overs with Brown before Silverwood struck his left index finger. At the hospital, an X-ray revealed

nothing more than bruising. Welch then offered Brown solid support until he was bowled by White, whose next ball hit the splice of Giles's bat but ballooned beyond Stemp at slip. Giles, an endearing character and improving cricketer, struck 38 of the unbroken seventh-wicket partnership of 68 with Brown that encapsulatprecipitate the declaration at 192 for six. - ed the spirit within the side.

batting

BY IVE TENNANT

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Leicestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 88 runs to beat Hampshire

LEICESTERSHIRE are starting to perform in the proper manner of county champions. The resume today needing 88 runs to win and are already anticipating their first championship victory of the season. Hampshire were bowled out for 182 yesterday and, however unfortunate they felt they were with one or two umpiring decisions, that quite simply represented poor

There were no pyrotechnics in Hampshire's innings. Those that did occur came, once again, from Millos, who pulled Bovill for six in the course of reaching the highest score of his career. Having completed a century overnight, he finished with an unbeaten 114, including nine fours and two sixes.

Millns and Brimson added 76 for the last Leicestershire wicket, which was considerably more than any partnership in Hampshire's second innings. The pitch was taking spin and the ball swung when the atmosphere was heavy in the morning, but this was the batting of what is, at present, an ordinary side. Hayden or Smith, preferably both, will have to carry it this season.

Hayden has to come to terms with having been omitted from the Australia touring party. In six immings, he has made 93 runs and that is not enough. In the brief time be was at the crease vesterday, he was hit on the pads too regularly for such a proven player. Millns had him legbefore, albeit when he was someway forward.

Nobody, other than Maru, stayed for long. Pierson took four wickets, all through catches close the bat. The ball with which he had Smith taken at leg slip turned suffi-ciently to catch the inside edge. The quicker bowlers were not played with any conviction either. White and Udal were caught at the wicket and only a stand of 44 between Maru and Renshaw ensured that a fourth day would be necessary.

of potential victory, however. Oxford,

needing 271 in 222 minutes, were 134 for

purely theoretical. Solanki, marooned on 97 at lunch, added his final 27 runs in an

eight-ball flourish, contrasting with Oxford's struggle to seven for three. Their indefatigable qualities against superior odds were still in evidence as

James Fulton made 36, after surviving a

hat-trick ball from Bobby Chapman, who

bowled Mark Wagh, off bat and arm,

and Charlie Lightfoot, with a delivery

that kept low. Chetan Patel had earlier

Their pursuit of the target had been

seven when 14.1 overs remained.

By SIMON WILDE

are 26 runs behind Somerset

with rain stoppages that re-duced play by half - has kept

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford

VIKRAM SOLANKI rounded off six

promising years with a maiden first-class

hundred yesterday. India-born, Wolver-hampton-educated and England-quali-

fied, Solanki made his Worcestershire

second XI debut at 15 and became the

county's youngest Sunday League player

two years later. Now 21, he appeared in

three Test series for England Under-19s.

His purposeful 128 not out, with 18

fours and three sixes from 133 bails, could

University drew with Worcestershire

position at 142 for three in

Athey, pressed into his former role of opening batsman because of hand injuries to Greenfield and Peirce, who will bat today only if neces-sary, is exuding a reassuring air of permanence on a slow pitch that is giving the bowlers less encouragement the longer the game goes on. Athey's approach was not

exclusively defensive. Whenever Somerset pitched short, he pounced on the opportunity

Solanki turns promise into practice not prevent rain from depriving his team bowled 16 overs unchanged in a spell of

> slip after pushing tentatively forward. In contrast to Solanki, the eleventh century-maker against Oxford this summer, Spiring became the first specialist batsman to fall to the Dark Blues for a duck. Wagh, the captain and most experienced batsman, also had his moments as an off-spinner, ousting Philip Weston, caught at the wicket, and Paul Thomas, leg-before, before Solanki hoisted him for two successive leg-side sixes to

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# Derbyshire waste fine opportunity won by Malcolm

LORD'S (third day of four): Middlesex (20pts) beat Derbyshire (4) by 131 runs

GIVEN a golden opportunity to win this match by another fine display of fast bowling by Devon Malcolm, Derbyshire's batsmen failed disappointingly to rise to the challenge of scoring the 231 runs they needed to beat Middlesex.

Johnson and Kallis bowled well at them, but misiudements were rife in the way that Derbyshire set about a task that should have been within their compass, despite the continued absence of Kim

In the final analysis, it was Keith Brown who won this match for Middlesex when, resisted all-comers while others were vanquished. Derbyshire needed someone like him. As it was, they applied themselves indifferently on a pitch that aided good seam bowling, but warranted no such collapse as to be all out for 99 in fewer than 36 overs.

Thus another fine piece of bowling by Malcolm, which earned him six for 75, was wasted. Malcolm is in prime form. When he was bowling, the game took on a different aspect. Barsmen were hurried into the stroke. Even Brown, who had looked comfortable throughout against everybody else, had his moments of uncertainty along the line of the off stump and just outside

Malcolm's sterling effort

## Universities deserve positive approach

BY RUPERT COX

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Northamptonshire

IF THIS fixture had not already been rendered academic, two rain stoppages on the second evening and a further 50-minute delay yesterday morning ensured that it was so. Much as a football team leading by two goals will play keep-ball near the corner flag, Northamptonshire clung doggedly to their batting time in assembling a first-innings lead of 87, after more than seven hours' batting. These matches deserve a more positive approach from counties. . .

Here, the teams went through the motions, awaiting the advent of the thunder and lightning that had been fore. cast. Both teams, though, will face a more rigid examination today, in the form of a one-day University contest for the Johnson Fry Trophy at Fenner's while a more potent Northamptonshire team, without the injured

Mohammad Akram, entertain the Australians in a 50-over game.

Rob Bailey, 88 not out overnight, duly completed his fortieth first-class century, but sadly for those looking forward to an onslaught, he preferred to sacrifice his wicket, perishing graciously after a 155-ball stay with two sixes and nine fours, when well advanced to Robin Jones's off-

His benevolence did, however, permit the middle order to benefit from time at the crease, with the left-handed Tony Penberthy compiling a half-century, followed by more robust contributions from Aian Fordham and David

Breifly, the visitors' declaration presented the students with an incisive spell from John Hughes, who accounted for Quentin Hughes and Mark Dawson with only 14 on the board - Dawson's duck giving him a run of five successive noughts.

brought him ten wickets or more in a match for the sixth time in his career. Furthermore, his 11 for 125 in this game was the culmination of a burst of devastating form that has brought him ten or more wickets in a match three times in his past II championship matches. David Graveney, chairman of selectors, from the Middlesex balcony, and Mike Gatting from the mid-dle, were left in no doubt as to his lethal qualities or his heart for the game in his benefit

Early on, it had seemed unlikely that Middlesex would set Derbyshire as many as 241 to win. The early loss of Kallis was a severe blow and, al-though Pooley played hand-somely enough until just before hunch, the interval came with Middlesser five men out and only 138 ahead.

While wickets continued to fall at the other end, Brown took every opportunity to score. When he was last out, beautifully caught behind off the inevitable Malcolm, he had made 76 of the 92 added for the last five wickets, and batted for 34 hours and, with careful selection, had picked off nine fours and a six.

As for Derbyshire's batting, it was something Dean Jones. their forthright captain, may well have words about. Gul Khan will want to forget the rush of blood that saw him charge Weekes shortly before tea, after he and Rollins had seen off the new bail. The promising Adams waft-

ed and was caught at slip. A good throw from Pooley accounted for Rollins, seeking a dubious single — and the slide was on. At 52 for three, Derbyshire needed to show solid resistance. This they singularly failed to do as Johnson and Kallis bowled and a number of irresponsible strokes hastened a collapse to 80 for six when Jones was legbefore without offering a stroke. In Barnett's absence. that was effectively 80 for seven and there was no need for the extra half-hour.



Atherton pulls for four yesterday before a run-out ended his hopes of a century

## Lancashire's gallop fades

By DEREK HODGSON

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 190 runs to beat Lancashire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE are reputed to be calling themselves the Outlaws on Sundays, presumably the connotation being Sherwood Forest rather than Richmal Crompton, but they could turn out to be the Merry Men this evening if the weather allows them the chance of a rare win on this ground. They lost 21 overs to bad light yesterday evening and the forecast is not

Much could depend on their fitness of Tim Robinson, their stalwart anchorman, who had to leave the field towards the end of the Lancashire innings with what appeared to be a cracked left forearm. In fact, it turned out to be no more than severe bruising.

Atherton and Crawley had resumed their partnership of 133 in auspicious circumstances; the pitch seemed doc-

ile enough and, if the sunshine was hazy, there was no great evidence of swing. Chris Tolley could not bowl, because of a strained shoulder, and, in normal times, with Lancashire resuming at 133 for one, visitors would expect a pun-

ishing day in the field.

Neither batsman found the dominant mood of the previous evening. Nottinghamshire gritted their teeth, worked hard at containment and only 45 runs came in 23 overs. The pair's running between the wickets always carried an element of risk and, sure enough, that was how the partnership ended. Crawley cut and Atherton called, but failed to beat the throw from Tolley at short third-man. Crawley sank to his knees as the England captain turned towards the pavilion. Atherton's 68, off 213 balls, should have become the century he

Enter the Enforcer. Graham Lloyd hit the first ball. from Usman Afzaal, straight back for four, almost a six, and took another boundary off the third ball. The whole morning perked up as 60 came in 11 overs and when Crawley departed, to the lively Paul Franks, for his expected century — from 245 balls with 13 fours - Lancashire were into their gallop.

But thereafter, things went awry. Mike Watkinson was trapped before he could swing his long arms. Lloyd fell trying to pull the humble Graeme Archer and after lunch the clouds gathered, the temperature dropped sharply and the became mischievous again. The best batting thereafter came from Neil Fairbrother, who was using a runner because of a strained groin. His valiant 37 included some superbly timed strokes.

Support for him was less impressive, as the last five wickets fell for 5) - and this in an order in which every player has scored a first-class centu-Perhaps the most damaging blow was struck by Peter Martin when he hit Robinson at silly mid-off.

## Wells in control as Kent prosper

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CANTERBURY (third day of four): Kent, with seven secondinnings wickets in hand, need 163 runs to beat Glamorgan

ALAN WELLS batted quite beautifully last night. Until he went to the crease - with Kent, needing 319, one wicket down to a rampant Wagar Younis - only one player in the match had passed fifty. By the close of play, he was on 84 and Kent's requirement today, 163, is within their compass. Should they get them, it will be

a very good victory.

Wells, playing freely on both sides of the wicket, reached his maiden half-century for Kent from 65 balls, adding 64 with Graham Cowdrey for the third wicket. Cowdrey played well, 100, spanking Robert Croft twice through mid-off and running his partner's runs no less aggressively than his own. They took the fight to Glamorgan, but Cowdrey, caught at slip off Dean Cosker four overs before the close, will not fight again today.

Both sides have played

some good cricket in this match, though not necessarily established a first-innings lead of 125, Glamorgan will consider their performance yesterday to be an opportunity missed. To be bowled out for 193, after the openers made 100, was a pretty thin effort.

There were no demons in the pitch, as Wells showed later. Matthew Fleming must have thought it a feast as he picked up four wickets and Paul Strang will not need reminding that county cricket is rarely so bountiful. There were four wickets for him, too, after Adrian Shaw pulled his first ball for six.

Shaw, opening in place of Morris, who turned his ankle on the first day, shared that century stand with James, whose dismissal shortly before lunch was the prelude to a catastrophic afternoon.

Wells cut and pulled with aplomb, but the stroke that made the day was a cover drive that went past the left hand of James at cover. It was a true cover drive, closer to point than extra. and described by a natural arc of the bat. Marvellous.

## Fine Law innings completes recovery

By PAT GIBSON

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Essex, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 255 runs ahead of

ANY reassurance that England took yesterday from Nasser Hussain's first fifty of the summer yesterday must be tempered by the fact that he did not look in quite the same class as Stuart Law, who could not even get into the Australian tour party.

Law's majestic, unbeaten 81 completed an Essex recovery that could hardly have been more meaningful. Durham had been more than a match for them over the first two days, but they will have to play uncommonly well now if they are to record their first championship victory in two

Durham needed a substantial first innings lead to have a realistic chance and they did not get it despite the conscientious efforts of Speight, who had laboured for three hours over his 53 when Cowan had him caught at first slip.

Their last five wickets went down for 37 to restrict the lead 10 54, and Gooch and Prichard quickly wiped that out in an opening stand of 77. It might have been different if Killeen had been able to accept a return catch from Prichard off his first ball, because the Essex captain went on to make 80, hitting 14

Gooch had been surprised by a ball from Foster that nipped back and kept low to bowl him off his pads. showing that there was still plenty for the seamers. There was also a hint of turn when Boiling squeezed one through the gate to bowl Prichard. Durham were depleted,

however, by the loss of Brown, their best bowler, who went off after nine overs with a side strain and Hussain was able to launch himself into his first fifty in seven innings. He had reached 67 when he got underneath a hook off Foster and was well caught by Wood, the substitute, running

round the long-leg boundary. The rest belonged to Law. By the close, he had struck !! fours and a six, with more, perhaps, to follow.

## British Lions Tour Schedule

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## YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

#### Brîtannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Durham CHELMSFORD (therd day of four): Essex, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 255 runs ahead of Durham ESSEX: First Innings 237 (A P Grayson 76, S G Law-63; N Kilteen 4 for 50, S J E Brown

ত। ব্য: আন্তো ৪-৭-14-0. Bonus points: Essex 5 Durham 6. Umpires: A G T Whitehead and K E Palmer

Second Innings 

Total (5 wids) ... FALL OF WICKETS 1-77, 2-158, 3-203, BOWLING: Brown 9-1-35-0; Killeen 13-2-57-1; Fosier 18-2-71-2; Walker 14-4-44-0. Collingwood 4-0-18-0; Boiling 23-5-80-2

DURHAM; First Innings 

FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-90, 3-154. BOMUNG Wager Youris 10-0-37-1; Wetten 6-1-29-0, Thomas 7-1-23-0; Croft 8-2-37-0, Cosker 11-3-29-2. Total (107.3 overs) 291
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-107, 3-107, 4-130, 5-214, 6-254, 7-263, 8-263, 9-265 ionus pomis Keni 4 Glamorgan 6 BOWLING. Bott 25.3-10-53-2. Cowan 33-14-73-4, Irani 22-7-52-1; D.R. Law 18-3-81-3; Such 9-4-14-0. Umpres. J C Baiderstone and J F Steele

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Some at 120 overs. 323-9.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-68, 3-68, 4-112, 5-116, 6-159, 7-159, 8-255, 9-276.
BOWLING: Ucai 48-13-118-1, Renshaw 16.1-3-53-0, Bowli 18-3-0-61-2, Maru 29-13-60-2. Stephanson 8-1-25-0; James 8-2-Second Innings

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Umpires, D. J. Constant and G. Sharp

Kent v Glamorgan CANTERBURY (thard day of lour): Kent, with aeven second-innings wickets in require 163 runs to beat Glamorgan GLAMORGAN: First Innings 279 (M J McCogue 6 for 75)

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A Dale low b Strang
M P Maynard c Marsh b Strang
P A Contey flow b Strang
H Monis c McCague b Fleming
R D B Croft c Walker b Fleming
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S D Thomas run out
S L Wallan c Marsh b Strang
D A Coster not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-109, 3-109, 4-109, 5-114, 6-161, 7-176, 8-181, 9-188. BOWLING McCague 12-2-54-1, Headley 7-1-31-0: Eatham 5-3-12-0: Strang 23.5-5-59-4; Fleming 14-4-28-4 KENT: First Innings 154 (R D B Croft 5 for

D P Futton b Wagar M J Watter b Cosker A P Weets not out G R Coskery c Costey b Cosker 15 A Marsh not out Entras (161) .....

Lancashire v

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-0, 2-178, 3-238, 4-240 5-280, 6-316, 7-324, 8-328 9-331 N Shahid c Russell to Allevine

BOWLING: Wasm Akram 7-4-7-0; Chapple 3-0-12-0; Austin 3-0-9-0

Middlesex v Derbyshire LORD'S (third day of four) Middles (20pts) best Derbyshire (4) by 131 runs MEDDLESEX: First Innings 146 (P A ... DeFretas 5 for 46, D E Malcotm 5 for 50).

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JC Johnson Buw b DeFretes
JP Heinst c Charles b Malcolm
A R C Fraser c Adems b Clarke
P C R Turnel not out Extras (16.14, w 2, no 8)

BOWLING, Malcolm 22:3-5-75-6, DeFrents 25-4-88-1, Hanis 24-6-72-2; Clarke 4-0-13-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 178 (D N Second Innings Second Innings
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G M Roberts c Brown b Johnson
A J Harms no leaf

Extres (tb 5, w 6, nb 2)

Total .... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-48, 3-52, 4-71, 5-78, 6-80, 7-85, 8-99, 9-99 BOWLING Fraser 7-1-12-0, Hewiti 4-0-13-0: Weeks 5-2-17-1 Tutned 1-1-0-0, Kallis 10-2-26-3, Johnson 8-4-1-26-4 Umpres: B Dudieston and G i Burgess CORRECTION: Middleser: First Innings 146 (551 overs; Clarke 5-1-18-0), not as previously published

Somerset v Sussex TAUNTON (third day of four) Sussex, with seven second-inning; wickets in hand are 26 runs behind Somersal SUSSEX: First Innings 241 (Mushtac Ahmed 6 for 70)

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K Greenheld low b Rose
N R Taylor of Harden b Mushraq
K Newell not out
Extras (to 4. nb 6)

BOMUNG: Caddlet: 18-3-33-0; Mushled Ahmed 19-7-47-1, Stune 7-1-22-1, Pausons 5-2-12-0; Roce 9-2-24-1 Bowler 1 1-1-0-0 SOMERSET: First Immings 409 (G.D. Roce 191, R.J. Harden 103, P.W. Jervis 5 for 122) Borrus points Somersel 8 Susser 5 Umpres B Leadbeater and R A White

Surrey v Gloucestershire THE OVAL (thad day of four). Gloucester-state (24pts) book Surroy (4) by mine wickets SURREY: First innings 115 (5 Young 4 for 26)

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8 C Hollooke a Ball b Alleyne
M P Schoell a Curditie b Alleyne
A J Tudor low b Alleyne J E Benjamin not our Extras (0 2, 10 9, w 6, nb 8)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-34, 3-34, 4-114, 5-124, 6-207, 7-242, 8-243, 9-262 BOWLING Smith 20-5-44-1. Lawrence 13-1-58-2 Young 15-5-26-0; Ball 16-7-35-1; Traino 2-0-11-0; Alleyne 16-4-3-64-6, Han-GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 371 (R.C. Russell 59, A.J. Tudor 6 for 101)

Second Innings J Trainor c Shahid b M P Bicknell A J Winghi not out. R J Cunfitte not out. Total (1 wkt) ...

FALL OF WICKET, 1-0 BOWLING: M P Bicknell 2-0-7-1, Tudor 2-0-Umpres: H D Bird and J W Holder

Warwickshire v Yorkshire EDGBASTON (third day of loud) Warmick-shire (20pts) beat Yorkshire (5) by lour wickets

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 233 (D. S. Lohmann 62, M.P. Vaughan 56; A.F. Gales, 4 for 54, A.A. Donald 4 for 55) WARWICKSHIRE: First Intrinos 140 (T.)

N V Might & Bakey b Stemp
A J Moles b Gough
D L Hemp c Blakey b Gough
IT Frost c Blakey b Gough
D P Otater b Gough
I L Penney letred hut
D R Brown not out
G Welch b White
A F Gles not out Total (6 wkts) .

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-61, 3-75, 4-79, 5-94, 6-181 BOWLING Gough 24-7-65-4, Silverwood 16-4-4-53-0; Hamilton 7-1-18-0; Stemp 19-5-57-1 Vaughan 4-2-3-0; White 11-1-Umplies: J H Hains and B J Meyer

University matches Cambridge University

v Northamptonshire FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings, 280 for 9 dec (W. J. House 68, R.O. Jones 60, E.T. Smith 59, J.F. Brown 4 for 50). E I Smith by, J F Brown 4 unb bil.

Second Innings

G J Hughes C Riptey b Hughes 6

E I Smith not ou 6

M W Dawcon c Montgomene b Hughes 0

P S Jones c Riptey b Snape 20

W J House not ou 1

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Total (3 wkts) FALL OF WICKETS 1-10, 2-14, 3-50.
BOWLING: Hughes 6-1-15-2: kmes 6-1-16-0: Brown 6-1-18-0, Snape 6-4-10-1, Fordham 2-1-1-0: Montgomere 1-0-1-0 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Immos 

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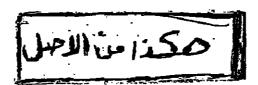
Oxford University v Worcestershire THE PARKS (line) day of three) Cidard University drew with Worcestershire

Umpires: M.J. Kitchen and N.A. Mallender

WORCESTERSHIRE: First limings 359 for 2 dec (G A Hick 164 not out W P C Weston 119). Second Intends Second Irrange
V S Solank not out
G R Haynes c Futton b Avers
D A Leatherdale low b Patel
R Spiring low to Patel
IS J Brodes c Wagh b Patel
W P C Weston c Scurs b Wagh
P A Tromss low b Wagh
M Rawnsley not out
Extrac (lb 6, nb 2)

Total (6 wids dec) FALL OF WICKETS 1-62 2-87, 3-101, 4-109, 5-150, 6-150 a-100, 5-150, 6-150 BOWLING, Avons 13-0-69-1; Patel 20-3-71-3 Wagh 9-3-45-2; Futton 1-0-1-0. DXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 281 for 8 dec (M A Wagh 64, R D Hudson 62).

Total (7 wids) 135 FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-7, 3-7, 4-27, 5-65, 6-83, 7-107. 90WLING: Sheryer 9-3-17-2; Chapman 10-2-26-3; Thomas 9-1-36-1; Haynes 9-1-32-1; Rawnsky 2-5-0-11-0; Solanio 2-0-10-0. Umpires J H Hampshar and J Lloyds.



RACING: WRAGG KEEN FOR SASURU TO EMULATE JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE WINNER'S VICTORIES IN TOP RACES

## First Island on rising tide of success

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

AN EMPHATIC victory by First Island in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury yesterday left Geoff Wragg with dreams of achieving more group one glory — with another horse in his powerful Newmarket stable. "Sasuru has come on a ton since last year and works with First Island at home and there is nothing between them," the usually reserved trainer said. "Sasuru could be a mile and a haif borse."

Sasuru, the impressive winner of the Gordon Richards Stakes at Sandown last

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SCATTERGUN (2.00 Newbury) Next best: Will You Dance (3.35 Newbury)

month, will tackle group one opposition in the Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp tomorrow week before possibly tackling the Hardwicke Stakes and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, which Wragg won last year with Pentire.

Although First Island is even more effective on fast ground, his finishing kick still proved too much for Ali-Royal, who had assumed the lead from Beauchamp King three furlongs out. Even Top plugged on for third while Spinning World, the 6-4 favourite, finished a disappointing fourth and prevented Jonathan Pease from gaining his first British training suc-



First Island is driven out by Michael Hills to defeat Ali-Royal in the group one Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury yesterday

If Wragg has any problems juggling the options for his stable stars, he could always seek the advice of Henry Cecil. who is blessed with an embarrassment of riches, especially among the fillies. Having already won the 1,000 Guineas with Sleepytime and seen Reams Of Verse become a

short-priced favourite for the Oaks, Cecil yesterday found himself with another Oaks possible when Yashmak won the Vodafone Group Fillies' Trial by nine lengths from Tempting Prospect. She is as short as 5-1 for the Epsom Oaks, but could go for the French equivalent.

The runner-up, owned by the Queen and trained by Lord Huntingdon, looked as though she would come on for her seasonal reappearance and the Shirley Heights filly could be an interesting runner in the Ribblesdale Stakes. The same owner-trainer combination had been on the mark

earlier when Whitechapel With the sporting focus on showed the utmost courage to Wembley today, there is no televised racing but the win the London and Man-Newbury card offers some chester Assurance Handican. The nine-year-old topweight interesting betting possibilities. Sharp Hat ran a cracker was headed inside the final furlong by Sharp Consul, only behind Perryston View in a fast-run all-aged handicap at to fight back tenaciously Newmarket two weeks ago under Frankie Dettori to land makes some appeal

against his own generation in the Winchester Handicap. The Richard Hannon-trained colt is ideally drawn in stall 13 and. with the easy ground placing the emphasis on stamina, he has strong claims.

John Dunlop's horses are in fine fettle and Will You Dance has sound prospects in the London Gold Cup. The Shareef Dancer colt needed every yard of ten furlongs beating some decent rivals, including Winter Garden, at Pontefract and will appreciate today's step up in trip. Significantly, he looks well treated at the weights when compared to Winter Garden, who was well behind

Chadwell Hall and Able Sheriff were put down after a fourborse pile-up in the five-furlong Kilburn Handicap at Thirsk yesterday. None of the jockeys involved was seriously injured.

at the Yorshire track and has

won since. Bequeath was not disgraced over an inadequate trip behind Sasuru in group three company three weeks ago and should appreciate the drop in class and step up in distance offered by the Quantel Aston Park Stakes. Persian Punch was not given a hard time behind Time Allowed in the Jockey Club Stakes and represents the main danger.

However, the bet of the day is in the Barbara E Maiden Stakes in which Scattergun can make a winning debut. The Derby entry has been working well at home and can floor Garuda.

Steward resigns, page 5

## **Jukes loses** winning chances

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

GRASS, or to be precise silage, has dealt a blow to Wales's hopes of lifting the two national riders' championships. The organisers of today's proposed Ystrad Taf Fechan meeting had to postpone for two weeks after wet weather prevent-

ed silage cutting.
Consequently, Jamie
Jukes and Pip Jones, who are in contention for the men's and women's championships, miss out on several winning chances and are to ride at Stratford on the rescheduled date.

Jones, who won on Final Pride at Wednesday's Cothelstone meeting, now heads for the Golden Valley fixture, but one ride on unraced Itsthejonesboy is hardly compensation. Jukes should at least win at the Dulverton West on

King Torus.

A double at Cothelstone gave Vickery a lead of one (25-24) over Jones and she has good chances on Tinotops and Billy Barter at the Dulverton West. Both are trained at South Barrow. near Yeovil, by Rose Vickery, Shirley's mother. A victory for Butler John at the meeting would put him level with Grimley Gale in the race for the horse title, although Touch 'N' Pass would join them on seven wins if he is

## NEWBURY

2.00 Mystic Ridge

2.30 Dance Trick

4.05 Restless Spirit 4.35 FERN'S GOVERNOR (nap) Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 BEQUEATH (nap).

#### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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GOING: GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING Draw: 6f, High Numbers Best

#### 2.00 BARBARA E MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,860: 1m 2f 6yd) (16 runners)

(3-Y-O: £3,860; 1m 2f 6yd) (16 rubriers)

107 (6) BADGE OF FAME (M Tabor & Mrs J Magnier) I, Currani 9-0 Pat Eddery — 102 (5) 00 COBLE 13 (M Holingsworth) B Hills 9-0 D Holland 88 103 (1) PAMA, STACE 92 (6 Sangsiar) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 S Whithworth — 104 (11) 4 FOOLED VRU 38 (Malatour al-Moldoum) E Dunlop 9-0 D 0'Donochoe (3) 86 105 (2) 6-4 GARIUDA 32 (8 Demuyser) J Dunlop 9-0 D 0'Donochoe (3) 86 105 (2) 6-4 GARIUDA 32 (8 Demuyser) J Dunlop 9-0 D 70 Dunlop 9-0 P R Holpes 88 107 (3) LIFE OF RILEY (J Manter) 5 Lowes 9-0 Paul Eddery 106 (12) 6-3 MTSTIC ROBEZ 50 (Mrs A Coughtas) 0 Domorán 9-0 R Accident 9 109 (16) PLEASURE BOAT (R Hollingsworth) N Graham 9-0 D Harrison — 110 (7) O REAR WHIDDOW 29 (M Oberstein) Lard Harrisgon 9-0 D Harrison — 111 (3) SCATTERGUM (K Abdula) J Geoden 9-0 D D Domorán 9-0 D L Delbori — 112 (15) S3 SUPPENISON 301 (W Gradley) C Britan 9-0 B Doyle 83 13 (8) 00 WARTHEAT NASHWAM 199 (Siebbi Almod 4-Malatoum) L Curran 9-0 O Utbiolo 72 DIANACHO CUEST (M Subell) R Hamon 8-9 Ms Festion — 116 (10) 00 MSHOTY FLOW 13 (Mrs Y Tory) Mrs P Duthield 8-9 Mr Festion 1-16 (10) 00 MSHOTY FLOW 13 (Mrs Y Tory) Mrs P Duthield 8-9 A Proche 82 BETTIMEZ 7-2 Mystic Ridge, 6-1 Garuda, Scattergum, 8-1 Badge 01 Fane, Final Stage, Fooled Yoo, Supramism. 1996. HARBOUR DUES 9-0 R Cochrane (20-1) Lady Henres 12 ran

1996. HARBOUR DUES 9-0 R Cochrane (20-1) Lady Herres 12 rat FORM FOCUS

FOOLED YOU 61/s1 4th of 15 to Green Card or mades at Report (1m. good to firm) GARUDA 71 4th of 18 to Knopt-her Mill in meaden at Newmarket (1m. 2), good) with FIMAL STAGE 11f 14th. MYS-TIC RUGGE 6141 3rd to Marseth or meaden here (1m. 31, good to firm) SUPREMISM 31/s1 3rd to Mas.

#### 2.30 KINGWOOD STUD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £3,808: 6t 8yd) (14 runners)

E3,808: 6f 8yd) (14 runners)

ANG DANCER (Trobertal Racong Partnership) M. Charmon 8-11 ... R. Pestam

Burners (LOVE 26 (Mass of Reed) J. S. Moore 8-11 ... L. Decent

DANCE TRICK (# Sangsler) P. Charple - Hyam 8-11 ... J. Reid

DISTINCTLY LILLE 29 It Hoogham J. S. Moore 8-11 ... W. J. D'Ocomor

FACE-OFF 28 Ith Americal R. Isanon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery

GPSY MOTH (Mrs. K. Crangler) B. Meetan 8-11 ... O. Pesider

LADY IN WAITING (Pageucz. Racny Luf) P. Cole 8-11 ... T. Gainn

MISS CHEF MAKER (T. Chall, W. Mats 8-11 ... K. Fallon

MISS MUFFETT (P. Monrey) P. Moorey 8-11 ... D. O'Sbea

NO SHAME (The G. N. Partnership) J. Smyth-Disbourn 8-11 ... D. Hamtson

PRIMAMERA (T. Stendberg) M. Haynes 8-11 ... P. Cockmane

45 PRINCESS LOUIST 3 (Mrs. C. Richard) A. Fester 8-11 ... D. Holland

RESPORTE (C. Pernick) G. L. Moore 8-11 ... Candy Morts

TADWICA (Strenthurn Sud Fares Lift) R. Menon 8-11 ... Dave D'Hell

Ince Tinek, 4-1 Larly In Vision, 6-1 Face-Ott, 7-1 Tadrega, 10-1 Aug Daver, 14-1 Respon BETTING: 2-1 Dance Trick, 4-1 Lady in Visiono, 6-1 Face-Off, 7-1 Tablega, 10-1 Aug Dancer, 14-1 Respond, 16-1 Gassy Moth, Mess Colel Maker, Princers Londo, 20-1 others. 1998: MARCH STAR 3-11 W Carson (11-4 by) J Toller 6 ran

DANCE TRICK (Ingled Apr 4) Bord loat, half-asker to stream of processes where vivocotorough, dam 5' to stream of processes where a cot thand in thish 1,000 games. INSTRUCTURY (ILLIE 11) 7 to 48 to Mignan in process states here (St. good to firm), GPSY MOTH, (Feb 15, cost 15,000 games hand, dam, half-asker high-class 50/71 performans Flora's Cay and Kernera, placed over 1m LADY M WATRING (Ver 17) second loat half-asker to Sahma, hardy usaku 5 1/21 generally wisters; dam madden who stoyed 1m.

FORM FOCUS

## 3.00 QUANTEL ASTON PARK STAKES (Listed race: £11,990: 1m 5i 61yd) (7 numers)

301	uı	/ I 13-3	DC-LUCKIN 21 (F,U) (F AGUING N C-754 2-5-1	- 7
302	(5)		PERCHAN PUNCH 15 (F,S) (I Smith) D Elevante 4-9-1 R Cochrane	
303	<b>'5</b> 1	5303-2	FURTHER FLIGHT 9 (C.F.G.S) (S Wingdeld Digby) 8 Hills 11-8-12 M Hills	E
304	(4)		HARBOUR DUES 21 (C.F.G.S.) (Hesmonds Stud, Lady Hernes 4-8-12 Pat Eddery	
305	(3)	433-12	NABHAAN 13 (V,F) (H al-Marteum) D Martey 4-8-12	9
306	(2)	05200	STAMPEDE 573 (A Richards) C Britain 5-8-12	
397	'n	111-14	SWEETNESS HERSELF 9 (G,5) (Mrs M Linell) M Ryon 4-8-7 O Pession	8
BEITE	<b>66:</b> 3-1	Hartous I	lues, 4-1 Bequestin, Further Flight, National 7-1 Sweetness, Herself, 8-1 Persian Pu	ød
			1996; ELECTION DAY 4-8-12 W Carson (5-2) 14 Stoyles 8 ear	

## FORM FOCUS

i	BEOLEATH beat Communer 41 to 4-moner legal race at Newmorth (int 41, good) June 36. PER-SAMP PURKER 254 July of 8 to Celenc in the group in Jockey Chich Cup Sales at Newmorket (2m. good to farm) with FURTHER FLIGHT (17b bedies of) 45 fth FURTHER FLIGHT 44 July of 7 to Repair Court in group 10 Ormande Stakes at Chester (im 57 89yd. heavy) with SWEETNESS HEPSELF (2b.		better off, 33 den HARBOUR DUES best St. Seischon Voll in S-numer conditions states at Ripo (1m 4 60)d good) NABHAAN best Sheer Datio Vit in 6-funner conditions states at Nothinglas (1m 8) good to farm) SWEETNESS HEPSELF best Arbotics (2m, solt) Selection: PERSAN PUNCH
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## COURSE SPECIALISTS

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TRAINERS	Wins	Ross	3	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rodes	*
J Gosden	31	1.76	24.6	L Dettor:	39	242	193
P Changle-Iham	31 36	126 156 53	23.1	J Red	39 50	272	18 4
L Cumani	11	53	30.6	A Whaten	3	21	14.3
D Loder	5	29 55	172	T Cagana	30	248	121
Lady Herries	8	55	145	Pat Eddery	30	360	11.5
M Johnston	4	29	138	M HAIS	16	164	61 B

#### 3.35 LONDON GOLD CUP RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £9,226: 1m 4f 5yd) (10 runners)

510- BANDORE 228 (F) (Lady Harrison) D Loder 9-1.
62-5 CATCHABLE 28 (Lord Howard De Walden) H Cecil 8-13.
033-21 PERCY ISLE 13 (D.F) (Sheikh Mchammed) M Stoute 8-1. 82-1 WILL YOU DANCE 23 (F) (Nes M Bersill J Danlop 8-11 D-02 HIGHLY PRIZED 13 U Swall) I Balding 8-7 ... 12 CYMAN 8 (85.9) Lord Cooxyglonce P Cole 8-7 ... 223611 PRICHINCHA 12 (F.G.S) (T Walls) D Morre 8-7 ....

1996: SAMRAAK 9-5 T Ownn (4-1) J Dunlop 9 ran FORM FOCUS

## IECHYD-DA 1941 3nd of 7 to Mister Pmk on handi-cap at Heydock (1m 21 120)nd, soil) on perultimate start, PERCY ISLE beat HiGHLY PROPED (3ds bat-er off) 23 in 8-numer malden at Sadsbury (1m 4d. good to 8mm), WELL YOU DANCE beat Zusan 34 in auction maldes at Pontatact (1m 21, good to firm)

#### 4.05 WINCHESTER HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £5,638: 61 8yd) (13 ru 015- UNSHAKEN 196 (BF,S) (W Gradier) J Farshare 9-7 .

(3)		RESTLESS SPERT 196 (D.S) (Sheith Matammed) M Johnston 9-7 M Hits	
(9)	021-	MOR-DO-I 169 (8,6) (The MacDongali Pros.) J Eastace 9-5. Martin Dwyer (3)	
(13)	120-54	SHAPP HAT 14 (O.F.G) (J Smith) R Hannon 9-4 Dame O'Nest	
(12)	13-	ALUMASIYAH 254 (F) (H al-Malatoum) R Arestrong 9-4	
(11)	435-00	BRAVEHEART 29 (F) (VY Possonby) M Charron 9-4 A Eddlery (7)	
(III)	45-1	MARA REVER 13 (D.F) (N Hearts) I Balding 9-1 L Delton	
`(S)	3255-3	SAMSUNG SPIRIT 10 (D,S) (T Scothern) E Weymes 8-11 J Outro	
(4)	031-0	SEFF-EM 13 (6) (Cree Lodge Recting Club) Miss L Perrati 8-9	
(2)	566-24	SONG MIST 10 (0,F) (Mrs C Hanbury) P Cole 8-7 T Colon	
(6)	3-0220	ALWAYS ALIGHT 8 (M Natines-Crocker) K Burke 7-12 0 O'Shea	
(6)	85-8	SWEET BETTSE 12 (The Five Legges Pars) A Foster 7-10 R Phrench (5)	
ന	231033	SWIFT 19 (G) (G Howlett) M Polglass 7-10 N Variey	
handica	p: Sweet E	Settsle 7-8. Swrit 7-6	

1996: THATCHERIELLA 5-8-10 & Thorson (10-1) D Chappell 14 ran FORM FOCUS

RESTLESS SPRIT beat lies Major 21 in condi-tions states at Notingtam (61, cott) MOR-OO-1 beat The Wyandothe lies 25 in auction majden at Salasbory (61, good in first). ALWAYS ALIGHT Southwelf (5), AMY, SHAPP HAT (41 of 29 to Perryston View in handicap at Newmadon (61.

#### 4.35 MAY HANDICAP (£4,146: 1m 2i 6yd) (22 runners) 801 (15) 1042-0 STATAJACK 11 (B.D.F.G.S) (N.S. M. Slade) D Esworth 9-10-0 ....

602	(22)	431/05	BAY OF ISLANDS 15 (D.F.) (Bloomstray Stad) D Monte 5-9-11 N Day
603	(3)	643-	REATUATION 232 (Lady Katratice Philips) Lady Henies 4-9-11 Paul Eddery
604	(7)	522-00	GRAND SPLENDOUR 12 (A Holder) Lody Homes 4-9-8
605	(19)	000-30	DANEGOLD 19 (V.D.BF.F.G.S) (Carolin Del Lief) M Charmon 5-9-6 R Hapties
606	(2)	00-500	KRISCLIFFE 17 (F) (F kris) 6 Lees 4-9-5 A Wester (3)
607	(9)	5660-0	KRISCLETE 17 (F) (F) kiris) 6 Lens 4-9-6
608	aii	028.32	PEPPERS 18 (M Helmes-Cooler) K Burte 4-9-3 K Fallon
609	(16)	00.000	THERNEA 6 (C,S) (A Guidge C Lews M Calvert) B Maliman 4-9-2 B Doyle
610	(17)	1,0205	PAY HOMAGE 12 (F.G) (Mass A HEII) 1 Externs 9-9-2 lane Lind (7)
		270303	PREMER GENERATION 6 O.L.: W Crazzi D Attached 4-8-13 S Wildowship
611	(21)		
512	(13)	00-500	FOURDAMED 26 (ii) (Foursquare) ? Hzzzs 4-8-10 D MicCabe
613	(20)	32030-	PRINCESS DANIELLE 200 (D.F.S) (Nats M Westram) W Must 5-8-9 J Rold
614	(18)	6-2500	OBERONS BOY 8 (C) (T Shighers) S Dow 4-8-9
615	(12)	600-53	REPOY'S GOVERNOR 15 (D.F.G) (Fern Scrapposents Ltd.) W Musson 5-8-8 L Delitors
616	(1)	17445/	BALLYRANTER 58J (D.F.G.S) (P.Byrnes) H Colonyadge 8-8-7
617	isi		FORMEDABLE FLAME 207 (Mrs. P. Brown) W Masson 4-8-5 O Utilities
61B	(6)	06600-	SPRING CAMPAIGN 10.1 (5 Nicemost) M Pige 4-8-5
619	(4)	0-0420	BAKERS DAUGHTER 74 (D.G) (No. 5 Baker) J Amelo 5-8-3 Martin Dwyer (3)
620	en i		DEEVEE 212 (C.F.G.S) (O Topies) C Bersteed 8-8-1 J Lovie
621	(14)	653-0	RUBY ANGEL 134 (T Water) Mass 9 Santers 4-8-0
62.	(10)	06000-	KORALDONA 208 (8 Kery) G Baldary 4-7-11
OCT1			Generation, 8-1 Intaluation, Danegoid Peoples 10-1 Fess's Governor, 12-1 offices.
DECIN	no. II	·c naise	
			1996: NO CORPESPORDING RACE

#### FORM FOCUS DANEGOLD 1941 3rd of 9 to Obelos as handscap at Notarcham (fin 21, good). PREMIER GOVE Linguister (fin 21, good to limm). SHINDEG GXAM- TRON 191 3rd of 9 to Mais Baby to handscap

COURS ISLAN SPLE	a 200 ( 808 31 MOOUR	distance ( 9th, PAY (11b bet	Hockforce in handicap cyer pood to fam) with BAY OF Homase 10th and Grando er off) 181 17th PEPPERS in Precision in handicap at	Beveley (3m 27, base about 1%) 3rd of 16 kandscap at Neutranket (1 ISLANDS (1th better of Selection: PREMIER G	io Chanapagne Prince i 1m 21, good) =161 BAY (1 1) about 11 581.
5.	05	HEADI	EY HANDICAP (3-Y-(	0: £3,886: 7f 64yd md	(15 runners)
1	(6)		SLEEPLESS 32 (Mrs A Scot)		
- 2	(13)		WEE DRAM 32 (G) (Blooms		
3	ΠI		TAIREBAH 25 (H al-Utakan)		
4	(9)		NCLINATION 21 ;C 9ross &		
5	(7)	5-0134	TRADUNG ACES 5 (V.D.G) (A	145 and the 14 Bell 9-0	M Feedoo S
6	1151	352	TABASCO JAZZ 14 flord For	Truci B Meeter 8-13	O Pessier 9

## BETTING: 5-1 London's Heart, 11-2 Statissphoty, 7-1 Secures: 5-1 Wes Dram, Tayebati. 10-1 others. 1996: CAPILAND PROTECTS 9-1 4 Mastey 270-1; D Hoyes Jones 14 cm.

## FORM FOCUS

SLEEPLESS 48 4th of 20 to Summer Green to branking at Newmarket (71 good) with WEE GRAM 18 to TAJREBAN HIGH of 8 to Rosp Outlook or market at Proteins of Blook (ROLDIA 18 to TAJREBAN HIGH ARBOR ACC) 18 to TAJREBAN HIGH ARBOR ACC STREET (100 good to soft). TRADINGS ACCS Selection: TRADINGS ACCS

## Racing next week

MONDAY: Bests (2.15), Southwell (AV), 2.37), Museeburgh (Sey, 6.30), Windoor (Sey, 6.15) TUESDAY: Goodwood (680, 2.10), Bevarley (2.25), Worcester (2.20), Newton Abbot (Sey, 6.10), Utbuster (Sey, 6.25) THURSDAY: Goodwood (2.10). Newcastle (2.33., Excest (2.20) FRUAN: Brighton (2.10), Newtaste (2.30), Notingham (2.20), Pontafract (Sky, 6.40), Toucester (Sky, 6.20) In, Haydock Park (2.20), Notingham (2.20), Pontafract (Sky, 6.40), Toucester (Sky, 6.20), Haydock Park (BSC 2.00), Kempton Park (CA 2.05), Lingfield Park (AW Sky, 6.10) Warwick (Sry, 6.20) Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00), Cartinal (2.10), Hawton (2.15).

## Newbury

Going: good to soft Going: good to soft 2.10 (1m) 1, FATHFUL SON (J Reid, 12-1); 2, Sheheen (K Falkon, 11-4); 3, Generous Libra (L Delton, 2-1 tart), ALSO FAN: 10 Blewbury Hill, Show Partridge (6th), Title Ruffe (4th), 12 Asst Alland (6th), 14 Shehederid, 16 Easy Song, 25 The Negotiator, 33 Kalil, Prince Of Bhutan, 40 Change, 65 Alter Hours, Misetina, Utah, 16 ran, NR: Muhtalel, 131, 191, 51, 81, 93, 93.

CSP: SAZ.70.

240 (1m 4f Syd) 1, WHITISCHAPEL (L. Detton, 5-2 fav); 2, Sharp Consul (C. Rutier, 4-1); 3, Volta Première (T. Culm, 5-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 White Plains (Sh), 13-2 Royal Seaton (4th), 10 Ciffon Beet (Sh), 14 Happy Go Lucky. 7 ren. Nr, 6l, 7, 2, 31. Lord Huntingdon at West Isley. Tole: 22,70; E1.40, E1.90. DF: E5.60. CSF: £11.07.

22.88.
3.40 (1m) 1, FIRST ISLAND (M Hills, 11-4);
2, AS-Royal (K Fellon, 9-1); 3, Even Top (T Quinn, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 tax Spinning World (4th), 10 Decorated Here (8th), 12 Bin Rosle, 25 Caymen Kei, 33 Gothenberg (5th), 40 Beauchemp (4rg, 50 Acherne, 10 ran, NR: Alhasath, Aliad Forces, 114), 5, hd, 21, 11 G Wrapp at Newmarket, Tota: 94.00; 51.30, 62.10, 52.70. DF: 517.40. Tido: 536.90. CSF: 223.75.

Thic: 25.80. CSF: 222.75.

4.15 (Sf: 34)xd) 1, NADWANI (K Darley, 12-1); 2, Pacifica (L Dettori, 4-1); 3, Hoh Chi Min (J Raid, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 2-1 law Bodfaridistinction (5th), 5 Another Ferniasy (4th), 5 ran. 134, 2, 2, 71, P Walwyn et Lambourn Toter 211.60; 22.60, 21 80, DF: 225.90. CSF: 233.55. Summer Deel (100-30) withstrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 20p in pound. 4.46 (6t 8yd) 1, TOMBA (f Darley, 9-2); 2, Referendum (Paul Eddery, 2-1 tav); 3, Hattab (Pat Eddery, 1003). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Damoethenightaway (6th), 11 Makeddar, 12 Omeris City (5th), 14 Johnny Steccato (4th), 7 ran. 14, 134, sh.h.d., 5, 361, B Meehan at Lambourn. Toter 24.80; 22.80, £1 90. DF: 26.20. CSF: £12.30.

Placepot £53.10. Quadpot: £28.30.

#### Newmarket Going: good

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Georg good
2.00 (Sh 1, St.ENT TRIBLITE (M Fenton, 9-2); 2, Dismond White (M Rimmer, 11-2); 3, Saffron Lane (R Hughes, 11-4 lev). ALSO RAN: 3 Mysticism (Sth), 11-2 Pelarga (4th), 25 Taicheant (6th), 33 Furny Howthappers. 7 ran. NR: Shuhnah. 41, 314, 24, 44, 151. M Bell et Newmarket. Tote: C3.60: C150, 62:10. DF C18.50. CSF-223.16.

223.16.
2.30 (7) 1. WELTON ARSENAL (R. Firench, 5-1); 2. Sebot (S. Drowne, 14-1); 3. Cadeaux Tryst (D. O'Donnoe, 100-30 Sep. ALSO FAN: 9-2 Seiten (47), 13-2 Chickewicks (5th), Highborn, 7 Almuhimm, 12 Mulitover (6th), 33 Gerarel Accelerny, 9 ran 18, 16, hd, shd, 11-1, K. Bishap at Bridgwater. Tote: DS.00; 21.80, 54.80, 21.80, DF: 228.90, Tetr 5127.70, CSF-554.42, Tricest 524.13, 20 (1m 66.1 SOC). 144MA (5-Hind 13-27).

200 (Im 69 1, SOCJAMA (G Hind, 13-2); 2, Sea Freedom (S Drowne, 11-4 fet); 3, Express Giff (D Harrison, 13-2); ALSQ FANt 3 Welsh Mis (6th), 6 Noble Lord Sith); 7 Full Throttle, 16 Ancient Quest (4th), 20 Month Conditionation 2 https://doi.org/10.1001/

Magic Combination. Bran. 71, 1141, 141, 3141, 71. R. Rower at Jewington. Tota: 28.305: 22.00, 21.70, 22.00. Dr.: £1.800, CSF-22.84. Tricast: £111.12.
3.35 (71) 1. ANDREYEV (R Hurches, 3-1); 2. Royal Aty (G Hind, 33-1); 3. Granny's Pattl. Culum, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Snewal (sth), 5 serarity (8th), Tumblewed Pearl (4th), 6 ran. NR: Nigresine, Swies Law. 34, 2, 191, 41, 131. R. Harmon at East Everleigh, Tota: 24.70; £1.90, £5.60. DF. £108.90. CSF-265.24.

£108.90. CSF 200.24.
4.05 (1m) 1, JANGLYNYVE (R Firench, 8-1); 2, Soura (G Hind, 8-1); 3, Big Ban (R Hughes, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fair Penico (4th), 15-2 Forture Hopper (5th), 25 Belle Daniella (Bihl), 6 ran. 9, 308, sh hd, 9, 41, 5. Woods at Newmarket. Tote: £11.70; £2.90, £3.10. DF: £22.10. CSF: £55.85.

2.15 (7) 1, Konducky (G Feufiner, 10-1); 2, Dictation (6-1); 3, Super Benz (19-8 text); 14 ren, Hd, St. A Multinoland: Tota: £12,56 £2,70, £1,40, £1,70, DF, £26,70, Tricc £40,20, CSF; £70,47.

2.45 (1m) 1, Komi (F Lynch, 11-8 [4sv]; 2 Dernewsy (11-8 [4-sv]; 3, Blot (14-1), 12 rsn. 191, 4. M Stoute, Tota: \$2.90; \$1.10 \$1.10, £3.30, DF: \$1.30, Trio: £9.00, CSF \$2.70.

C. 3-20 (Lift 401), resembly area Hock (F Lyrich, 5-1); 2. Junior Ben (12-1); 3. Beld Top. (20-1), Champagne Warnior 7-4 law. 12 ran. 144, 54. R Hollinghead, Tote: £4,80; £2,10, £5,40; £3,20. UF: £84,70, Title: \$345.60 (part won. Pool of £77,86 camile 5 forward to. 4.35 at Newtonly today). CSF: £56,93.

4.35 at Newbury today), CSF: 256.93.
3.50 (59) 1, Southe Corrie (A. Cuthare, 12-1); 2, Broadstairs Beauty (9-2 fav); 3, Implini (12-1), 13 ran. 41, 21el, 5 Chepman, Tota: 214.50; 24.10, 21.90, 23.90, OP-28.40, Trice 281.40 (part worr. Pool of 251.67 carried forward to 4.35 at Newbury today), CSF: 253.85, Triceat: 2548.79, 425 (270) 1, Onedorassen (1 Wallerne, 7-1); 2, Hoyel Expression (8-1); 3, Here Cornes Herbie (7-4 fav), 10 ran. Hd; 54, J. Syes, Tota: 23.50; 22.0, 21.50, 21.70, DF; 25.70, Trice 27.30, CSF: 258.21, Triceat: 2127.25.
4.55 (60) 1, Strickey From Capisav (W. Ryen, 12-1); 2, Biassingin/dagutes (10-1); 3, Bertzce (4-1 tax); 4, Rum Lad (33-1), 26 ran. Hd; 31, J. O'Nell, Toka 222.90; 94.00, 23.90, 21.90, 519.10, DF; 2346.40, Trice 2906.90, CSF; 2129.68, Tricast: 2595.84, 5.25 (1m); 1, Jesse's Boy (G. Duffeld, 8-1);

E3.10. DF: 222-10. CSF: 255.85.
4.36 (1m 4f) 1, ASSURED GAMBLE (D) Holland, 11-8 (say); 2, Silver Wonder (F) Sporate, 13-2; 3, Sam Alert (M Roberts, 13-2; 4.50 (Ast); 7-4 Aurencome Wells (Sth), 25 Go Green Plag (Sth), 33 Not Forgotten (att); 6 ran, NR: Bold Demand, 31, 394, 294, 3, dist, C Brittoin at Newmarkst Tote: 23.00; £1.50, £2.20. DF: 25.20. CSF: £2.66. Microst 5568.64.
5.25 (1m) 1, Jacob's Boy (G Duffeld, 8-1); 2, Kishamiy (2-1) lan; 3, Kohndite Charges (17-2); 8 am. Nr. (NIL Mas J Cock, Tote: 25.20. CSF: £9.93.
5.10 (7f) 1, PURCHASENG POWER (M Roberts, 4-1); 2, Mountgate (Dean McKeown, 11-2); 3, Perfect Poppy (D Placepot: not won (pool of £23.518.48) carried forward to Newbury tomorrow).

2.15 South Avenue. 2.45 Ballymote. 3.15 Forest Treasure. 3.45 Jack Flush. 4.15 Intlichab, 4.45 Nightlark. 5.15 So Intrepid. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 NIGHTLARK.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

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2.15 SKIPTON CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: \$2,758: 51) (12 runners)

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## 2.45 BUSINESS FURNITURE CENTRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O Billes: £7,200: 5f) (11)

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1 (4) 50-0 FREDRIK THE FERCE 11 (D.BF.F) / Beny 9-7

2 (3) 1-20 MYRANDON 21 (D.S) Mes I, Shebts 9-5 — A Culture 95

3 (11) 10-4 MELENSM 13 (D.F) M Berl 9-3 — 6 Fauline (5) 94

4 (1) 3-65 DOUBLE ACTION 11 (2D.F) T Extendy 8-12 — M Birch 97

5 (9) 5111 BRUTAL FANTASY 24 (D.F.G.S.) Light 8-11 S Buckley (7) 93

6 (10) 231- POLEN WARRION 241 (D.F) T Barron 6-16 ... K Daday 91

7 (7) 1115 TREASURE TOUCH 21 (F.G.) D Richards 5-8 million (5) 97

17 (2) 1115 TREASURE TOUCH 21 (F.G.) D Richards 5-8 million (5) 97 8 (5) 4405 SW090 11 (0,7) P. Evans 8-9 ... J. F. Eyans 9-9  (6) 82-1 PRENCE DOME 36 (0,7) M. Wate 8-1 ... G. Carber 94 ... G. Carber 94 ... J. Eyans 95 ... J. 4-1 Butal Fartasy, 5-7 Melecula, Treature Touch, 6-1 Mejoradea, 8-4 Polich Warner, 10-1 Prince Dozne, 12-1 Freder The Flerce, 14-1 others.

## 3.15 EBF CAPILTON MINIOTT NOVICE STAKES

7-2 Poeto, 9-2 Hirst Bidge, 11-2 Young Bark, 13-2 Carambo, 8-1 Eura Ventare, Maint Pecale, 10-1 Continua Gadet, Fotest Transace

# Herrison, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fex Sylven Princess, 6 Star Of Ring, 13-2 Watch The Fire, 10 Saley Ana, 12. Blockade, Broughtime Eror (Birl, Syllen Waye, 16 Lynton Lad (4th), 25 Saltendo (6th), 12 ran. 2, nk, 29-1, 141, nk. N Calleghen 22, Newmarker, Tota: C5-40, 22-00, 02-26, 24-80, 0F: 528-50. This: \$196.70, CSF:

Thirsk Going: good

# 3.45 ROTHMANS ROYALS WORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Hamilican: 3-Y-O: £7,512: 1m) (16) 1 (15) 452 WED SKY 21 (85) M beston-Bits 9-7 ... A Candr. 96 2 (10) 40-0 JUST ESHAND 57 M Janusche 9-7 ... J. Western 88 3 (6) 431 THENARIMAL 231 (9) D Mariey 9-6 ... G. Carter. 88 4 (14) 400 PERSION RUBD 8 (F-G) M W Establey 9-5 ... T. Lucrus 90 5 (4) 3-14 BOATER 23 (9,9) Mariey 9-2 ... W Payer 93 6 (7) 3-56 WILLIAM WALACE 6 D Haydra Jones 9-1 ... S Droutes 90 7 (12) 0004 FAIDE AVANCEMENT 7 (7) C Falders 9-1 ... De Microse 90 8 (3) 3-6-0 AMERICAN WALACE 6 D Haydra Jones 9-1 ... S Droutes 90 9 (11) 0-30 BAFFERAL OF MEXICATE 13 (D.A. R Fatty 9-12 ... J. Carterli 94 10 (30) BAFFERAL OF MEXICATE 13 (D.A. R Fatty 9-12 ... J. Carterli 94 11 (13) 1356 PET EDPRESS 77 (26) (9) Physican 8-10 ... J. Fortices 97 12 (1) 0-8 SPARKY 12 (9) M W Embroly 8-4 ... Date Gibbons 58 13 (9) 4556 HARCH SPARTS 12 (8) T Extends 8-10 ... J. Fortices 97 14 (5) 0063 JACK FULST 12 (8) T Extends 8-3 ... J. February (9) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (9) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (9) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (9) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (9) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15) CARTER 8-4 ... J. February (15) MEXICATER 15 (15

## 4.15 DISHFORTH CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,572: 1m) (4) (3-Y-O: £7,672: 1m) (4) 1 (2) \$11- CATIBRUS 190 (0.5) M Strain 9-6. 2 (3) 1-22 MIRROWS 13 667.9 O Monity 9-5. 3 (4) 21-2 MARROW MOUTON 22 (9) M Gosty 9-1 4 (1) 22-4 PREMIER BAY 12 (5) P Hands 9-1 7-2 Harry Wolton, 7-1 Indition, 8-1 Catesian, 15-1 Printing Rep.

4.45 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O BILLES: \$3,626; 1mr 49; 49) 

## 13-8 Mightlank, 7-2 Milly Of The Vally, 11-2 Indian Down, 7-1 others. 5.15 NORTHALLERTON HANDICAR

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINCERS: D Loder, 5 wiscurs from 14 numers, 25.7%; H Cacll, 8 from 23, 34.8%; J Deadley, 5 from 16, 31.3%; M Stone, 3 from 31, 22.0%; M Sett, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Johnston, 16 from 90, 17.0%, JOCKPS: J Wasser, 25 stones from 101 days (24.5%; W Spen, 8 from 31, 24.2%; J Spon, 4 from 24, 16.7%; P Fessay, 3 from 21, 14.3%; J Festans, 16 from 123, 13.0%; O McGenen, 13 from 104, 12.5%;

## Hannon eyes Ascot target for **Andreyev**

ANDREYEV will attempt to provide his trainer, Richard Hannon, with a second Jersey Stakes success at Royal Ascot in three years after winning the listed King Charles II Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. Hannon was responsible for the 1995 winner, Sergeyev. Richard Hughes, riding An-

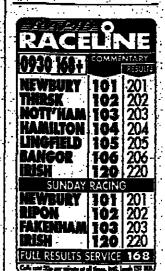
dreyev, tracked the pace set by challenge passing the furlong marker to win by three quarters of a length at 3-1. Two lengths adrift in third came Granny's Pet, with John Dun-lop's Shawaf a disappointing 6-4 favourite in fifth.
The plan is for the Jersey at

the moment and the way he has done that he would have to take his chance," Sylvester Kirk, Hannon's assistant, said. "He has picked up well and the ground here is ideal for him. It was perfect today." Apprentice Royston Firench, who had the biggest win of his career aboard Inchcailloch in the Cesarewitch here in October, rode his second double, and his first on turf, through Welton Arsenal and Janglynyve.
Welton Arsenal initiated the

53-1 double in the NGK Spark Plugs Rated Stakes to give Bridgwater trainer, Kevin Bishop, a winner with his first runner at the track. An unlucky in running fourth in the Jubilee Handicap at Kempton earlier in the month, Welton Arsenal also has Royal Ascot on his agenda. Bishop has earmarked the Royal Hunt

Cup. Firench, who is attached to Luca Cumani's stable, rode his twelfth winner of 1997, and his 27th in all, on langlynyve in the Equity Financial Collections Claiming Stakes. Sean Woods's chestnut defeated Soura by five lengths. Mark Flower celebrated his

first victory on the Rowley Mile when Soojama and Gary Hind took the Equity Finan-cial Collections Handicap by seven lengths from Sea Freedom. "He's no star but he is honest," Flower said. "I wish I had a stable full of horses like .



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# The Dilettanti can make early pace tell

RACING CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE the galloping nature of Newbury racecourse, the draw can have a significant impact when the ground is riding soft -- as it willtomorrow.

On the round course, a low draw is a considerable advantage, especially in nine-fur-long races such as the Night & Day Handicap (2.30), in which runners reach the first turn in less than a quarter of a mile. The Dilettanti could be ideally positioned in stall five, especially as the colt possesses plenty of early pace. He was quickly away when making all the running to win by four lengths in a fast time at

Newmarket 15 days ago. The impressive victory confirmed The Dilettanti is very much on the upgrade and today's soft ground should hold no terrors for him as he finished an excellent second to Nash House on similar going on his seasonal debut at the Berkshire course I2 months ago. Wilcuma, a course and distance winner, and Almond Rock both appreciate easy going but they are drawn II and 13, which could be a big disadvantage.



TOMORROW'S RACING ON TELEVISION

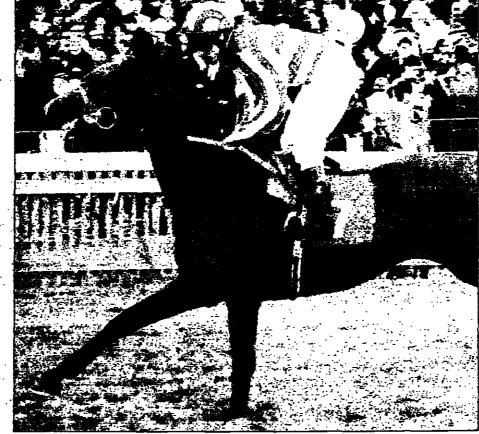
In contrast to the round track, a high draw is a bonus on the straight course when the going is soft and that could count against the potentially well handicapped Sweet Wil-helmina in the Mail On Sun-day Handicap (3.00). This 20-rumer handicap looks best left alone for betting purposes and Q Factor, from the inform Derek Haydn Jones yard, is a tentative choice to resume winning ways after being badly hampered at As-cot 18 days ago.

Samuel Scott has shown improved form since joining. Martin Pipe, notably when pipped by The Butterwick Kid at Nottingham last month. With the winner having gone in again at Chester, the form looks solid and the Shareef Dancer gelding looks sure to give a good account over this longer trip in the opening You Handicap (2.00).

However, I marginally prefer Al's Alibi, who won a 12mile handicap here on easy ground last April off today's handicap mark of 72. The Willie Muir-trained runner should appreciate a first attempt at two miles having stayed on behind Fairy Knight at Haydock 13 days ago.

The best bets at Newbury are away from the gaze of the BBC cameras and Pomona makes considerable appeal in the Programme Limited Stakes after an eye-catching reappearance at Sandown recently. She quickened to lead inside the final quarter-mile on the unfavoured side of the track and was eased once beaten. With Pat Eddery booked, she can repay the sympathetic reappearance.

Ed Dunlop is enjoying a cracking season and he holds Super Monarch in high regard. The colt has shown promise in the Newmarket maidens won by Yalaietanee and Among Men and looks ready to open his account in the Charles Wintour Maiden Stakes (4.40).



Wijara tackles the competitive Night & Day Handicap at Newbury tomorrow

THUNDERER

Draw: No advantage

**HAMILTON PARK** 

6.15 Henry The Hawk, 6.45 Falkenberg, 7.15 Portite Sophie, 7.45 Irsal, 8.15 Gold Desire, 8.45 Kintavi.

6.15 PIONEER AT STEPEK APPRENTICE SERIES

1 2-00 JUST 808 14 (CD,F,G.5) 5 verticael 5-10-0 Jerny Benson (6) 6 2 00-2 BEE REALTH 80V 14 (B,F.S.) I/ W Sectorly 4-9-12

3 -503 SUE ME 7 (5) 0 Notice 5-3-5 Grantyn Baies 34 4 01-0 LIORNING STAR 31 (D.F) & McYssen 3-9-4 T Sedala 1 5 0020 NAISSANT 8 (6.5) 6 Modelar 4-9-7 Sedalar 1 6 -400 SORTISTO 28 (D.F. 6) 11 Timber 4-8-72 P French 5-8-10 7 -051 LEADING PRINCESS 13 (8.00) 5.05 Mes L Partal 6-8-10

J McAstry (6) 2
10 -003 RASTRIE COWGRL 9 (F) D holen 4-7-10 P Bradley (3) 3

ueen Sigi. 7-1 Collours

7-2 Leading Princess, 9-2 See Health 3cry, 5-1 See Me Henry The Hank, 10-1 Just Bob, Netscard, Gorelski, 10-1 others

6.45 ZANUSSI AT STEPEK MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Qualifier, 2-Y-O; £2,630; 51 4yd) (9)

JUNIOR MUFFIN J Berry 8-17 FALKENSERG M Johnston 8-7 . QUEEN SIGI M Prescut 8-3 .

11-4 Fairy Domino, 7-2 Fallenberg, 11-2 June Mufflin,

7.15 TOSHIBA AT STEPEK SELLING HANDICAP (52,458: 1m 3l 16yd) (16)

9-2 Merror Four Sport 8-1 Forthe Supple Stamman Ballyde Phalgem, 12-1 On The Wildfade Mechanic Nution 14-1 others

AT STEPEK MAIDEN STAKES (£3,664: 1m 4f 17yd) (16)

4-1 Rane Talent, 5-1 Insal One For Stateys 13-2 Media Spir 8-1 Colour Code, Canadian Faritasy, 14-1 Antamoch France, 16-1 others

11-4 Stormies: 9-2 Northern Fen. Gold Desce 6-1 Hashies Ledy, Bedastric, 8-1 Harby, 10-1 Notify Barres 12-1 others

8.45 SILHOUETTE UPHOLSTERY AT STEPEK HANDICAP (\$2,892: 1m 51 9yd) (10)

1 0-01 MENTALASANYTHEN 6 (CD.F.G.S) & Haydo Jones 8-10-0

2 280. CLASH OF SWORDS 14.1 P Calast 4-9-1 Damen Mediat (3) 9
3 1/00 SUSHB 9AR 5 (F) 12:5 12. Pentry 6-8-9 Jamen 4
1 1004 NORTH-SRN MOTTO 37 (6,5) J Colore 4-5-9 B McKoom 4
5 1/32 NORTH-SRN MOTTO 37 (6,5) J Colore 4-5-9 P Fessey (5) 8
5 4-02 CONTRARE 7 12 P; an 4-5-7 A McCarthy (7) 1
7 2065 LORD ADVOCATE 9 (6,00 F.6.5) D Nice 9-5-7 K Seed (7) 2
9 (0-02 HERPHOLD FIZ 9 (F,6) C Fartherst 5-9-3 Chamock 7
10 0009 NEEDWICOD POPPY 7.18 Langua 5-7-10 J Williams 10
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANCES: A Scenart, 7 nomest, train 10 numers, 70 (Rs. M. W. Eatlethy, 3 from 9, 33 95, M. Prestant, 11 from 34, 32 45; D Haydo Jones, 9 from 38, 23 7b, S Katilawell, 8 from 36, 22 2%; Mrs M. Reveley, 24 from 127, 18 9%.

JOCKEYS: J Waster, 37 remiers from 745 ndes, 25.5%; R Sked, 4 from 22, 18.2%; R Skept, 7 from 40, 17.5%; I Vijikame, 11 from 78, 14.1%; N Kennedy, 8 from 61, 12.1%; D McKepten, 15 from 144, 10.4%.

7.45 LEBUS UPHOLSTERY

8.15 SHARP AT STEPEK

HAMDICAP (Qualifier: £3,469: 1m 65yd) (10)

SELLING HANDICAP (\$2,458: 1m 3i 16yd) (16)

1 0000 Off THE WILDSDE 12 M Cheanon 49-10 — PP Murphy (5) 13

2 4946 PORTITE SOPPHE 6 (5) M Britain 69-10 — D Marragh (7) 3

3 00-0 DAFFOOL EXPRESS 18 M Ryen 49-7 — K Rurter 7

4 3-00 STRELITZA 8 M W Eactroy 3-9-7 — K Rurter 7

5 40-0 MAYTIC TIMES 15 (C.F. G.B. Mactroyga 4-3-5 P Roberts (5) 11

5 0004 NEEDWOOD MURDIN 23 B Margan 4-3-5 P Roberts (5) 11

5 0004 NEEDWOOD MURDIN 23 B Margan 4-3-2 — Darram Mortan (3) 5

8 -080 HTMAAH 3J (8.D. G.) LSY A Swintenk 5-9-2 — Pressey (5) 4

9 -045 BALLYDMERD 9J H 18780-19-1

10 303- CRAIGARY 12J (V) LSY A Swintenk 6-9-0 — A Collisine 8

11 5015 MARRIOR FOUR SPORT 19 (G.) LL Arcaton 3-9-0 — J Weaser 1

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13 46-5 BRILZ 51 L Lursp 6-8-11 — Nember 11

14 -064 PARGEN 6 C Endural 4-9-11 — Nember 11

15 066 MAPELIOSITY 19 C Thomfon 3-8-9 — Creague (3) 12

16 066 JARROW 13 Lifts A Naughton 6-2-3 — T Williams 6

9-2 Morrar Four Sport 8-1 For the Sophe Bernaam Ballydonen, Craughty

HANDICAP (Rnd II: £2.512. 51 4yd) (10 runners)

GOING, GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

## **NEWBURY TOMORROW**

THUNDERER

2.00 Kadastrof 3.35 Exbourne's Wish 2.30 ALMOND ROCK (nap) 4.05 Pomona 3.00 Yalta 4.40 Hombean

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3 00 SWEET WILHELMINA.

GOING GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 YOU HANDICAP (25,534: 2m) (9 runners) BBC2 (8) 30-043 THALEMAN 11 (F.C.) IN Union E-3mm 5-16-0 (1) 10000- RADASTROF EST (CDC), Sy 16 Februs 8 (5-10) 10-09 (1) 10000- RADASTROF EST (CDC), Sy 16 Februs 8 (5-10) 10-09 (1) 10006- SHADRIMON 23 (D.F.C.S) (10 Sm. R. Kerders 8-3-1 (1) 10006- SHADRIMON 25 (D.F.C.S) (10 Sm. R. Kerders 8-3-1 (1) 105-402 ALS ALBI 13 (C.B.S.) Charles 10-16 (Mark 14-4-4 (1) 105-402 ALS ALBI 13 (C.B.S.) Charles 10-16 (Mark 14-9-7 (1) 10-09 ALS ALBI 13 (C.B.S.) Charles 10-16 (Mark 14-9-7 (1) 10-09 ALS ALBI 13 (C.B.S.) Charles 10-16 (1) 10-09 ALS ALBI 13 (C.B.S.) (1) 10-09 ALS ALBI 14 (C.B.S.) (1) 10-09 ALB 14 (C.B.S.) (1) 10-09 ALS ALB 14 (C.B.S.) (1) 10-09 ALS ALB 14

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SHADERIWAN 14Ni Ein cl 8 to 5 teste, y'art or
hapaticap at Sandoum (Cm 28xd, good to him)
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handleap at Haydook (1m 44, son) SPRING EARSelection: THALLAMAN (mp)

2.30 NIGHT & DAY RATED HANDICAP (£7.325 1m 1f) (13 runners)

BBC2 (27, 325 · 1m · 1) (13 runners)

201 (7) 4043-0 ROYAL PHILOSOPHER 23 (C.F.S) (4 - Eatler) 3 +0-5 -9-9

21 (11) 1211-3 WILLIMA 15 (CD.F.G. S) (7 - Eatler) F.Malon 5-9-9

22 (11) 1211-3 WILLIMA 15 (CD.F.G. S) (7 - Eatler) F.Malon 5-9-9

23 (9) 1040-4 RIGHT CITY 1454 (CD.S) (Jeram Lot) (Lacy Henry, 6-9-4

24 (1) 61102- ARABIAN STORY 213 (BF / G) (7 the Cheer) (Lot Henry, 10-4-4

25 (6) 305-49 PRINCE OF BIN HEART 48 (6) (6 - Hots) B.Milo. 4-9-4

26 (6) 0424-4 WILARA 247 (CD.G.S) (7 Carlon) R.Farcon 5-2-4

27 (2) 280005 COTTIER CHEF 40 (F.G.S) (3 Revite) I Revite 6-9-1

28 (5) 40-44 The DILETTART 18 (G) (Jok Of Decomber 2) (John 4-9-4)

29 (13) 150-40 ALMONIO ROCK 13 (C.G.S) (7 T Econg), J Farctore 5-6-11

210 (3) 5210-0 UNITUS 29 (6 - Cheer the harmood 15 Sun 4-9-1)

211 (4) 135-62 FORZA ROJO 15 (G) (G) (Roth) (Roth) (February 4-9-9)

213 (42) 130-03 MEDIEVAL LADY 16 (C.F.) (Lorn Reting) Milo. Selected 4-9-9 Martin Dayle (3) (3)

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214 (10) 10 (

BETTING: 4-1 Williams, 7-1 Faccon Stor. The Diletters: 3-1 Night City Wight Almoral Root, 10-1 Hotel Philosophier, Proce Of My Heart, 16-1 others 1996 ISCHT CITY 5-9-5 S ( Shear (8-1) Cath, Herrica 12 ran

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3.00 THE MAIL ON SUNDAY MILE QUALIFIER (Handicap. £7,783; 1m str) (20 runners)

BBC2 213-0 VALTA 29 (D.F.) (Lord Weinzlock) R Charlton 4-10-0 Par E 00111- NOATHARY 234 (D.F.S.) (E Carezón) L Coden 6-3-9 D H 2116-0 O FASTOR 18 (D.F.S.) (H - Loller ) H-yro Annes 5-9-7 S D 20-100 DANCES WITH HOOVES 78 (G) (V Squeglan D Flench Dans 5-9-6 S With 300-00 WAKEEL 13 (D.G.S) (Up. J Cruston) 5 Dow 5-9-4 | 305 | 19 | 300-00 | WAREEL 13 (D.G.S) (No. 1 Charactor) S Dov 5-9-2 | R Perham 95 | 306 | 65 | 15-40 | MAYFARI 14 (F) 6 Salmany P Cole 3-9-0 | J Culton 96 | 307 | 17 | 20-400 | DUELLO 10 (C.S.S) (HP ornstones) M Blomchard 6-9-0 | J Culton 96 | 309 | 17 | 20-400 | DUELLO 10 (C.S.S) (HP ornstones) M Blomchard 6-9-0 | J Culton 96 | 309 | 305-0 | PROMETRE 18 (Mr.s 8 Serry 6 Battong 4-9-0 | R Price 95 | 310 | (5) 20053 | FARE 299 (S) (C.V) in Suppliers if R Asternat 5-9-0 | D Denby (7) 82 | 311 | 77 | 110-36 ASHOY HELL 16 (D.F.G.S) (Alex M Tottell) R Rove 6-9-12 | R Cockman 96 | 312 | (2) | -40510 | LA MODISTE 13 (D.F.G) (J Purced) Mr.s 6 Relevey 4-8-11 | R Hughes 98 | 313 | (13) | 4420 | ACRITUCKY FAUL 205 (Mr.s Edem) Lady Herres 4-8-11 | R Hughes 98 | 315 | (13) | 4420 | ACRITUCKY FAUL 205 (Mr.s Edem) Lady Herres 4-8-11 | R Hughes 98 | 315 | (12) 40-360 | WARETEVER'S RIGHT 80 (D.F.G) (M Thompool M Ushes 8-8 | J Marshad 88 | 316 | (10) | 620-60 | ALSAHIB 18 (S Channony-Williams) W Must 4-8-8 | Bane O'Roell 93 | 318 | (15) 6-2600 | DEEPRES ROY 9 | (5) (T Sepherd) S Dow 4-8-2 | Martin Dwyer (3) | 97 | 319 | 33 | 0.560 | LUCKY REGOMA 32 ( (5) Apodicol W Musson 4-8-2 | B.Doyle 89 | 320 | (1) 00000 | DEEPRE 213 (CD.F.G.S) (D Turner) C Berstead 6-7-10 | J Lowle 94 | Long Marshadop Deepre 7-8

BETTIME: 5-1 Fats, 7-1 From De Cool, 8-1 Suted Wilhelmana, 10-1 Koalhary, Masier Beveled, 12-1 Yalta, Maytan, Ashby Hill, 16-1 others

1995. AMRAK AJEEB 4-10-0 J Reld (9-1) B Hanbury 18 ras

FORM FOCUS 21. good to firm) on penuthmole slast LA MODISTE beal Putchasing Power 11/51 at Epsom (1m 114yd. good) KENTUCKY FALL 40 and of 10 to Digital or maden at Folkestone (1m 11149/d. good to farm) on penuthmole start. SWEET WILHELMINA beal amendment for the folkestone (1m 11149/d. good to farm). YALTA 131 9th of 19 to Hunters Of Brons (describe-YALIA 13 9m of 19 to Hamer. Ut stora lockgame in the Self in Its processor over course and distance (good lo lumi) DUELLO 91 11th of 28 to Broughter. Lumnol in handicap al Actel (Im. good to firm) on perulismate start with ALSA/HS 41 14th MASTER BEV-ELED 241 4th of 17 to White Plains in Bandicap al Kottingham (Im. 21, good to firm). ASMY MILL 8ty 1 3rd of 22 to Rockforce in Introduces here (Im. Lancasture Legend 1'41 in 6-ru al Lingfield (AW, 71)

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: POMONA (4.05 Newbury tomorrow) Next best: Super Monarch (4.40 Newbury tomorrow)

3.35 FINANCIAL MAIL ON SUNDAY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O. £3,566: 61 Byd) (14 runners)

AMERICAN COUSIN (Middloram Pail Racing) B Meetan 8-11 B Dov
5 ANVIL 31 (High-lere Facing) 6 Levis 8-11 Pail Edder
BEN RINNES (A Py-leary) 8 Jevis B-11 A Clari
BLUE SHANDOW J R Lessier 8 Hamon 8-11 Dane O'Hall
BOLD EDGE Rachy Meetal 8 Hamon 8-11 Pat Eddery
DOSOURNE'S WISH (A Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 M Hills
KOM'S BRANE 13 Smill B Meetan 8-11 G Hamon 1. J F Egan
4 MARROGEN 14 (Albon Investments) M Chancon 8-11 Retriance (7)
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ROYAL ANAMOSTER (Anamacle Capats) Mc F Duffield 8-11 J D Smith (3)
SWIFT ALLIANCE (Ferrary Lich R Albehurz 8-11 S Sanders
Nume's Wish, Red Maple 7-1 Sadders: Rice 8-1 Legs Be Frenchy, Might Viol. 10.1. In 401 (8)
402 (5)
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413 (7)
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1996; PREMIER BAY 8-11 6 Hard (8-1) P Hams, 12 ran FORM FOCUS

ANVIL 21 5th of 6 to Second Wind at Neumantes (51, good to limin) LEGS BE FRENDLY SI 2nd of 8 to Bodyguard in maiden at Neumantes (51, good) in limin Selection LEGS BE FRENDLY

4.05 PROGRAMME LIMITED STAKES (£3,534, 71 64yd md) (7 numers)

501 (4) 150352 RAKOS 15 (D.F.G.S) (P. Sherrock) Mr. L. Shithz 7-9-7 .
502 (2) 1000-0 MANALO 15 (F) (M.A.-Shaghu R. Horsen 4-9-4 .
503 (5) 0231-0 POMONA 23 (G) (Shrine Racing) P. Mator 4-9-1 .
504 (1) 140- VOLLEY 173 (F) (R. Wiless) D. Chappell 4-9-1 .
505 (3) 01 SMART NO 14 (F) (A. Shah) P. Cole 3-8-10 .
506 (6) 52-40 TAL-Y-LLYN 16 (Tulsion Lodge Stuf) R. Hill: 7-8-7 .
507 (7) 210- MY VALENTINA 197 (D.S) (D. Desi) R. Hill: 2-8-4 . BETTING 3-1 Smart Fiel 9-2 Persona Tal-1-Llyn. Ny Valenton 11-2 Raixe, 8-1 Manaloj 10-1 Volley 1996: YENDPHON OF CLINAXA 3-8-8 D Hamison (14-1) M F-Godley 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAKIS %! 2nd to Westman's Weigh in handkap at Thirsk (7), (irm), POMONA heat Duello short-fread in handkap at Leosater (170, good) VOLLEY best Wollzhoresster (170, good) VOLLEY best Wollzhoresster (170, good to larm) Cut 96 MPV VALENTINA best Cahiri 11 in marien at Chepstore (77 coli) Selection: RAKIS

4.40 CHARLES WINTOUR MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,550: 71 64yd md) (10 runners)

5 CHURCHELTS SHADOW 33 (6 Gay) 8 Peace 9-0

G. DAMDS REVENSE 206 (9 Pushcally I) Chappell 9-0

Pat Endery 75

45 HORNESAM 290 (K. Parnel J. Jerkers 9-0

33 SHADOOF 15 (8F) (Mar. H Lavy) W Musr 9-0.

Dane O'Heal 85

G. SLAART DOMMARCH 14 (14 al-Markourn) E Dunico 9-0

R Hughes 90

TOPTOM (5 Standarday) 1 Belding 9-0

2 FUR WILL FLY 14 (H Hogarin) 1 Setting 6-9

G. CURST 302 (C. Stelling) P Make 8-9

G. CORDANE 19 (M. Pagar) 1 Candy 8-9

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BETTING, 7-2 Super Manasch, 4-1 Shedool, Fur Will Fly, 7-1 Toplon, by Guesl, 10-1 Smarl Dominion 12-1 Davids Revenge Hombeam, 16-1 others 1996' A CHEF TOO FAR 9-0 T Quant (11-2) R Route 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAVIO'S REVENSE 9% 17th of 23 to 23-lm at maden here (64, soft) with SMART DOMNITCH 1% 10th HORNECAM 4% 1 Sh of 7 to Exercial in the group II Ricmond States at Geodwood (64, good to firm), Aug 96 SNAMDOF 2% 3 and 0 3 to trump Preceded in malden at Thirts (7), furo) SUPER Scheckers FUR WILL FLY

TOMORROW'S OTHER MEETINGS: Fakenham (National Hunt, 2.20 - 5.10), Ripon (Flat, 2.15 - 4.50).

#### 3.55 PRINT 4 HANDICAP 2.25 Action Jackson. 2.55 Elly Fleetfoot. 3.25 Docto

Bravious. 3.55 Night Chorus. 4.25 Runs in The Family. 4.55 Tamerin Bay. 5.25 Golden Hadeer. GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

.25 CUP FINAL SELLING STAKES (Div I: £1,635: 1m 1f 213yd) (10) D-02 ACTION ACCISION 21 (32); S | 8 McMath 5-9-7. G Datfield 2
SU-0 ALTRON ACCISION 21 (32); S | 8 McMath 5-9-7. G Datfield 2
SU-0 ALTRON ACCISION 21 (32); S | 8 mcMath 5-9-7. B Middlen (5) 10
O-00 CPNNAMON STICK 18 P Felgets 4-9-7. B Windred 7
Q1- ESPETIO 410 (20); S | Perry 4-9-7. B Bardwell 7
OSS TIMELY EXAMPLE 25 | 8 Caroloig 5-9-7. B Adoms 6
DBO- APREMISHTS ARROND 1544 (B self; Nakolath 4-9-7. Field (7) 1
(855 PERSAM SIRISET 49 Mids.) 2 long 5-9-2. B Math (3) 4
DOUBLE 29 (S) 40 Math 3-9-2. B Math (3) 4
DOUBLE THE LLEV 6 M Adoms 3-9-2. M Roberts 2
(355 RICCHEA 7 Ms. N-Halander 3-8-2. Senders 5
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7.2 Apport Jackson, 4-1 Gäding The Lify, 8-1 Esperto, Roches, 6-1, Tocco Jewel, 12-1 Alpheton Prince, Cressings Stick, Tiroely Espiriple, 16-1 pilots.

2.55 CUP FINAL SELLING STAKES (Div II: £1,635; 1m 1f 213yd) (10)

1 0-00 AUCHMERK AIDGE 16 J Flands 4-9-7 2 00 DSPSI, FRANCE 12 5 Unitropi 4-9-7 3 00-5 ELINER B SPECIAL 5-3 Bouting 4-9-7 4 0-00 RMER RIM 54 (0)-58 R Hollinghard 5-9-7 F 5 605 SHARMAR 214 (D)-58-3 W Marx 12-9-7 6 0-02 ELIV REPTOOT 3 (ALS) 61 Moort 5-9-2 7 0 OH SD MSEYY 2 S Dor 4-9-2 AUCHMER 415 E-66-5 11-4 Fby Piesticot, 4-1 Shaharaz, 15-2 Oh Sa Mesty, 8-1 Austrinieck Anige, Gurrup B Special, River Run. Douby, 12-1 pilesy.

3.25 WATCH FOOTBALL HERE LIMITED STAKES

1 5605 ACERBUS DULCES 46 M Chapman 8-9-

11-4 Might Choron, 9-2 Mantles Prince. 6-1 Island Sanichery, 7-1 Heart Fell Ci Soul, 8-1 Tycoon Girt, Wasterpiece, 12-1 others.

4.25 HOLSTEN PILS HANDICAP (£3,252: 5f 13yd) (18)

8 Studiolome (7) 17 6 1000 EDCH-HURN LADY 7 (D.G.) K Hopp 3-8-0... F Lynes (5) 8 7 0-00 HERE COMES A STAR 14 (EDF.S) J Car 9-8-13 P. Scomiletti 14 8 -505 BARTANHAK 12 (D.B.) G NicCourt 5-8-13 .... J D Smith (7) 2 9 -005 MEHT HARROWY 47 Miss S Witton 4-8-11... R Hawfin (5) 18

12 5156 NAPOLEON STAR 11 (B.D.F.S) M Starchard 4-8-10

13 5050 KLPSPRISER 9 (D.S.) B Robberl 4-8-7

14 00.6 SUPERFRISER 9 (D.S.) B Robberl 4-8-7

15 5250 SUTENAN 14 (D.S.) P Felgule 4-8-3

16 00.0 REETING FOOTSTEPS 327 D Shaw 5-7-13

17 6006 BALLAND LOW, 18 (B.B.S.) J Washington 5-7-13

18 4006 FIT-FOR THE JOB 25 (E) T Wall 3-7-11

19 Filoron 16

10 Starch 4-8-15

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4.55 RACING & FOOTBALL MAIDEN STAKES (2.Y-0; £3,590; 61 15yd) (14)

D AMSSY ALBERT 9 C Stock 9-0 . F Norton 5
BALAMATA 9 Porting 9-0 . F Norton 5
ESPRESSO J-Hills 9-0 . M Henry (3) 1
H.GRAVE C Dayler 9-0 . M Henry (3) 1
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4 MENDERLI 2 BBT R Herono 9-0 . D Griffats (3) 2
4 OPPOSITION LEADER 30 B Hills 9-0 . JD Stock (6) 7
O SEM ED BY FATE 12 J Welmodgit 9-0 . M Remore 13
O SHAWDON 8 St M Prescutt 9-0 . G Duffield 11
TAMERIN BAY 19 Bess 9-0 . B Prize 14
WON'T FURGET ME M Templats 9-0 . M Remore 4
GATCH THE FLANGING J IS Stripe Disbourne 8-9 F Lynch (3) 3
42 DEMOLITION JO 9 P Event 8-9 . D Wright 12
HOWNE PLACE IN Bell 8-9 . R Matter (5) 9
Lecture 13 . 1 Character (1) Industria (1) 10 forms 15-8 Memorial, 3-1 Opposition Leader, 7-1 Impulse, 8-1 Espresso, 10-1 offers

5.25 CUP FINAL DAY HANDICAP (£3,741: 2m 9yd) (7)

**Handicap (£**1,985: 51) (20)

**STAKES** (£4,060: 61) (19)

3-1 Housart, Golden Hadeer, 4-1 Aarthrolf, 6-1 Kinoko, Colembge, 8-1 others.

BLINKERED FRST TIME: Bangor: 12.20 Old Redwood. 12.50 Bonntier, Hamilton Parls 7.15 Ballet De Cour, Craugary, Western Venture, Lingfield Parls 7.30 Littlestone Rocket. 8.00 Gracious Imp. Newbury; 3.00 Nabhaen. 4.35 Foundaned, Nottlingham: 2.55 Owdy. 3.55 Manules Prince. 4.25 Ballerd Ledy, Thirsis 2.15 Newhergen, Gala Miss. 3.15 Young ibnr. 3.45 High Spirits.

7.30 SARAH J WATSON SELLING SKY

9-2 Misser Rather, 7-1 Southern Dominion, 8-1 Markings Gal, Whitz Kid. 12-1 Hover Gall Stormer, Torch As Therees, Toe-Emm., 18-1 others.

8.00 CIT PRE-PRESS MAIDEN SKY

JI GEE 6.00 Clued Up. 6.30 Burning Truth. 7.00 Going Places. 7.30 Secret Miss. 8.00 Blue Goblin. 8.30

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1 4151 FRESH FRUIT DALLY 6 (D.F.G) P Relievely 5-12-0 M Spillane (4) 41 1 4151 FRESH FRUIT DALLY 8 (D.F.G.) P Relievely 5-12-8

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6.00 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (Gentleman amateurs: £2,901: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

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# Mannion's magical skills the marvel of Teesside



Mannion: crowd-puller

leven months ago. the nation was in awe when Paul Gas-ball over Colin Hendry, the Scotland centre back, to score a devastating goal in the European championship. Fifty years ago, Wilf Mannion used to lob the ball over an opponent's head and catch it the other side twice in every

This season, people have gazed in admiration at the dexterity of Juninho, the diminutive Brazilian, who has charmed the crowds across the country, though failing to save Middlesbrough from relegation. By comparison, Mannion's touch far outshone even Juninho.

Mannion's transfer value would today rival Alan Shearer's £15 million. In that golden era, immediatly after the war, when the England team boast-

ed five legendary forwards in Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Mannion and Finney, Mannion was, briefly, the most prized of all. At a time when the transfer record was the £20,000 that Sunderland paid for Len Shackleton, Celtic bid £30,000 for him. When Middlesbrough rejected the offer, Celtic put an open cheque book on the table plus two players in part exchange. In

Middlesbrough refused, threatening to put Mannion out of the game. Like Matthews, he could alone put ten thousand on the gate. Eventually, years ahead of his time in an age of the maximum wage and contract retention, he temporarily went on strike in 1948-49, taking a job out of the game in Oldham. Sir Hartley Shawcross, who

elopment of the club was getting Glenn Hoddle. When

we signed him, I had a

discussion with Colin Hutch-

inson, the managing director,

and we decided that once and

for all we had to break out of

being a Crystal Palace or

Make the break they as-

suredly did. Hoddle signed

Ruud Gullit and Mark

Hughes and the team's for-

When Gullit took over as

player-manager at the start of

this season, his reputation

helped to entice world-class

players, such as Gianfranco

Zola, Gianluca Vialli and

Roberto di Matteo, to the

King's Road. Chelsea finished sixth in the

FA Carling Premiership this

season and while their appear-

ance in the Cup Final in 1994,

when they were roundly beat-

en by Manchester United, had the feel of being an isolated

achievement, this time it feels

like the beginning of some-

time Chelsea had a great patch, in the Seventies," Bates

said, "they were all Jack-the-

lads. The kids now want to

come and play for Gullit with

di Matteo and Zola and Vialli.

so we can tell them that if you

want to be good, you have got

to work harder than the

average guy and take care of

your body. We are sick of being the bridesmaid. On

Saturday, we want to be the

bride and we want to have a

When the tour finishes,

lunch begins and Bates talks

of the commitment within the

European honeymoon."

When you think of the last

thing big.

began to improve.

run the wrong way. was then England's foremost

who is retiring after 15 years as chief sports correspondent of The Times, affectionately recalls Middlesbrough's finest player

his case. However, Mannion returned home to allow his expectant wife to be near her

dance against Preston North End almost trebled. Mannion was the first great player I saw. As a teenager, I was taken by an uncle to Stamford Bridge, solely with the purpose of exposing me to the magic of this inside forward, who would often make two opponents simultaneously

family. On his reappearance for Middlesbrough, perilously close to relegation, the atten-

As with most sublime players, there was no apparant effort. Ball-control was instanMannion make a sudden sprint, taking two or three opponents with him, only for them to discover that he had left the ball behind. He would then turn and amble back to it. There was an occasion,

On the day he watches his 46th FA Cup Final, David Miller,

against the illustrious Blackpool FA Cup Final team of 1947-48, when Mannion was unusually quixotic: juggling the ball from head to shoulder and back again and, in one instance, running 30 yards with the ball tucked behind his neck. At half-time, George Hardwick - "Gentleman George", who also captained England at left back - asked Mannion what on earth he

that he had become engaged that morning, that Bernadette, his fiancie, in the grandstand with her father, had not previously seen a match and he had promised to entertain her. I'm afraid I was showing off," Mannion admitted. A spry 79 yesterday, he will be there praying for Juninho and the rest tomorrow and for Mid-

dlesbrough's first big trophy. There are those who recall that Mannion was a flawed genius. Besides having a footballer's taste for a drink, which accelerated his subsequent decline with Hull City and non-league Cambridge United and Poole Town, at one stage leaving him working on

a building site, it was said that he seldom gave his peerless best to his club.

"Why can't you play for us the way you do for England?" Hardwick would repeatedly complain. Mannion gave the impression that he found mere mortals such as the stalwart Jimmy Gordon unresponsive to his creativity. He shone for England and, in his 26 appearances, scored 11 goals, still ranking equal-21st among all-time England scorers.

Making his debut for Mid-dlesbrough at 17 in 1936-37, he was selected by England the brough outclassed the leading teams such as Portsmouth, Manchester City and Derby County. Wilf Gillow, the Middlesbrough manager, refused to release him, saying he was required by the club for a summer tour.

Parmering Lawton and

wartime internationals. Mannion was selected throughout the first peacetime season. Ironically, the "Famous Five" never played togeth er. Matthews or Finney would be on the right wing and Langton or Mulien on the left, and later Mortensen replaced Carter. When England memorably reached double figures against Portugal, Mannion

was the only non-scorer. His best performance was probably in England's exceptional 4-0 victory over Italy in Turin the next year. To this day, that performance ranks as perhaps England's finest abroad. "Stan was incredible," Mannion said, deferentially. Matthews returned the compliment. "Wilf could make the hall talk." he recalled. Today. Mannion hopes that Juninho will do the same and leave

## Empire-builder with designs on Chelsea glory

By Oliver Holt FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

KEN BATES is playing tour guide. He is wearing a pin-stripe suit and a bright orange hard hat that might come in useful for deflecting the brickbats his detractors hurl. He ducks under steel rails and picks his way past scaffolding. lost in the midst of his Chelsea

He points out the marble bathrooms that will be part of the sumptuous guest rooms in the luxury hotel behind the South Stand. He looks up towards the shell of the £775,000 penthouse that he has already bought, stares down at the concrete beginnings of the entrance hall, where escalators will run up to the first floor. He moves across to the side where the apartments will be and takes us into the huge cavern that will be the biggest club megastore in the country.

At the other end of Stamford Bridge, alongside what is left of the West Stand, the Matthew Harding Stand rises into a blue sky. There are some who want a Chelsea victory in the Cup Final today to be dedicated to the former director and Bates's bitter rival, who was killed in a helicopter crash last year.

Blinded by sentiment, many still see Harding as Chelsea's lost saviour, the man responsible for starting the club's march back towards the top, a warmer, gentler antidote to his gruff, blunt, bearded enemy who has so often been cast as the villain of the piece.

Yet as Bates, who has been the club chairman since 1982, continues his progress through the building work in the South Stand that will help to turn Stamford Bridge into one of the finest stadiums in the country, with a capacity of 44,000, his passion for the club, his excitement about the future oozing out almost in spite of himself, it is clear where the inspiration for the Chelsea revival has come from. "I have designed the ground." he said. "The architects have just done the draw-



ing." It was an orchestrated tour, of course, but as Bates wandered through the foundations, it was impossible to ignore the symbolism. If others. such as their Cup Final opponents. Middlesbrough. have sought quick-fix solutions and built their houses on sand, Chelsea's new-found success is sunk in the rock that

If you ask me how I would describe myself." Bates said, suppose it would be as a dreamer who is determined to make his dreams come true unquote. My dream is for Chelsea to be a member of the European elite at the core of the 12-acre entertainment, pleasure and enjoyment

centre of West London. "It has taken us 15 years to get this far. It took us ten years to get the ground and four years to get planning consent. Everything was hand-tomouth all the time.

"As late as 1992, we were just a small club with a clapped-out ground and we moved in the offices there. You have to pinch yourself to think we have done so much so fast "The first stage in the dev-



## Middlesbrough's wandering star prepares for his last exit

nearly six years. The first

disappearance came after a

wonderful performance at St

James' Park, where Emerson won over the Middlesbrough

faithful with a committed

display. Gibson, perhaps, was over-

influenced by that match. He felt Middlesbrough could not afford to lose a player of such drive, but even though the

chairman somehow clung on

to Emerson in the face of

interest from Barcelona, the

player never once reached the

same level of performance

pull together sufficiently.

course he would."

Asked bluntly, this week,

moment of Middles-L brough's season, it was the day that Steve Gibson, the chairman, took the decision to insist on keeping Emerson to his contract with the club. The seeds of relegation were sown that fateful day back in

Born in the year that Emerson Fittipaldi won his first world motor racing championship, Emerson Moises Costa was named after the Brazilian national hero and has since always operated on the fast track. If Michael Howard has a touch of the night about him, then Emerson has a touch of the night-

club, the warmth of the club. 'I suppose I have got an image of being big, bad Ken Bates'," he said. "It would be nice to It should not really have come as a surprise to Gibson. have a big, good image in-stead. Part of the problem was or his manager, Bryan Rob-son, that the Brazilian midfield player walked out on Middlesbrough last Novemthe press campaign orches-trated by Matthew Harding and all sorts of people joined ber. This is a player who, as a precocious 16-year-old, walked out on Flamengo, one of Brazil's biggest clubs, to, in

his own words, "play in the park for two years". Later, after returning to football as an 18-year-old with Coritiba, he soon fled again. "I did a runner." Emerson said. "I left after a few months because even though I was a professional I wasn't being paid. In Brazil, you cannot be paid as a footballer until you

He did a runner from the about what happened back in

David Maddock on the troubled season of the other boy from Brazil on Teesside November, he said: "The truth Riverside Stadium, three times going back to his native is my wife. Andrea, was not country, even though he had certain and that was everything. The day after I left for Brazil, one newspaper printed been exiled from Brazil for

Planning act: Bates's single-minded ambition is turning Stamford Bridge into one of the finest stadiums in the country. Photograph: Marc Aspland

wrong. That is where the problems all came from." It sounds convincing, but after accusing the newspaper of lies at an FA Cup final media day this week, he promptly locked himself away in an exclusive, and no doubt lucrative, interview with the same newspaper — and with the same reporter be claims

an interview with me even though I did not give that interview — and it was all

caused the trouble. Emerson is a complicated man, who travelled from Bra-



England, leaving his family behind. He claims to be an independent soul, but he can often be found in neighbour Juninho's kitchen having coffee with his team-mate's mother. It is family stability that has enabled Juninho to become a success in England and, equally, the lack of it may have undermined Emerson, especially because he is sur-

rounded instead by agents.

Whatever, his time at Middlesbrough will be judged a failure, unless he produces something spectacular against Chelsea today. He hopes to "I do not regard coming to England and E think I have been criticised." because there has been some jealousy," he said "the EA Cup final is the best final in the world and it is my chance to show everyone in England. I am not a problem and make up for the disappointment of

of the disappointment of relegation."

Officially, Emerson has still to decide his future, but it is clear that he will be Maxing England. Even Gibson pointedly excluded him when talk-ing about other talk-ing about others. ing about attempting to keep his foreigners next season. Barcelona could beakon, giv-en the player's relationship with Bobby Robson, his manager at FC Porto, but, whatever happens, those nightchib features may find one last appropriate setting in Eng-

of the same of

**McStay** retires injured

PAUL McSTAY, the Celtic and Scotland midfield player, yesterday an-nounced his retirement from professional football because of injury. His decision, after lo years at the club, will come as a shock to Celtic supporters, with whom he was a favourite. McStay, 32, joined Celtic as a boy, making his league debut in the 1981-82

- Neil Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, is likely to win his first Scotland cap after his inclusion in cap aner nis inclusion in a 21-man squad for matche against Malia and Walis and the World Cup quality ing game against Belain un June 8. David Hopkis of Crystal Palace, received his first international call

up. Jürgen Klinsmann m Germany captain; is an ported to be bound to Sampdoria next season after two turbulent years. 

## FA CUP FINAL STATISTICS

Only previous FA Cup meeting 1992-93: Third round: Middlesbrough 2 Chelsea 1

Paths to Wembley

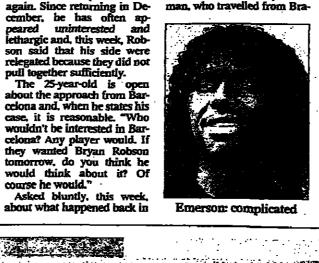
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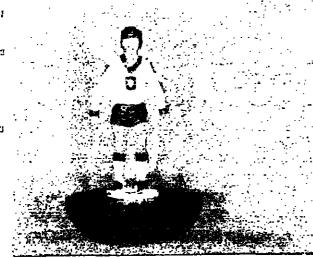
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1946-47, 1969-70, 1977-78, 1990-81).
MIDDLESBROUGH for a special group of
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been relegated in the same season.
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(1968-69) and English (1982-80). Checksee
would also have been smong them, after
appearing in the Cup Final in the 1914-15
season and finaling second train bottom in
the Loague, but they were saved from
relegation because of the First World War
and the extension of the old first dwison in
1919-20.

"Well, none of these developments are down to him. The loans he gave us have been repaid. On June 26 last year, I met him in the Dorchester Hotel and gave him a bank draft for £2.7 million, which was what we owed him. Do I

miss him? No." And what of the idea of dedicating a Cup Final victory to him, should it come. "One of our turnstile operators died last month," Bates said. "Why not dedicate it to him."







GOLF: LEADER HOLDS NERVE AT ENGLISH OPEN IN ATTEMPT TO SECURE BREAKTHROUGH VICTORY

## Chapman keeps mind on the present

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

A HANDSOME new course record of 63, by Jay Townsend, rounds of 64 by Darren Clarke, Lee Westwood and José Coceres, a 65 by Dennis Edjund and a collection of 66s, including one by Steve Webster, proved that the Hanbury Manor course could yield to good golf in the second round of the Alamo English Open

The score that mattered though, was that of Roger Chapman, the Englishman who led after a 66 in the first round and is attempting to rid himself of the tag of being one of the best players never to have won an event in Europe in a 16-year professional

Chapman has come second 11 times around the world and one of the consequences of this is that his name is not deeply implanted in the consciousness of golf followers. Two spectators were overheard talking to one another as follows: "I see that Colin Chapman's leading again." This came after the day when a radio announcer had referred to him as "the Australian, Roger Chapman".

Chapman arrived at the course knowing that, on such a calm and sunny day, his overnight score of six under par would have been overtaken. There he met Chris Linstead, the sports psychologist with whom he works, who gave him some words of advice. "It's another day," he told Chapman. "Stay in the present. Don't go into the future or the past. Stay focused."

Still, to know the course was playing short and to be able to go out and take advantage of it are two very different things. Chapman is beginning to feel the cold steel of pressure on his neck, but he responded bravely with another 66 and, at 12 under par, has opened a one-stroke lead over Edlund and two strokes over Webster. Chapman's second round. included eight birdies and an



Chapman looked in fine shape in securing eight birdies and an eagle during his second round at the Hanbury Manor course yesterday

contained five pars and four bogeys indicates how erratic it his second birdie in a row. was, Accuracy is one of the main requirements to over-come this course and Chapman was inaccurate off the tee and drove into the rough on each of the four holes where he

ran up bogeys. His putting was excellent, however, and on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th his scoring was extraordinary. On the 8th, he drove into the left rough, but hit a three iron 206 yards and holed from 25 feet. On the 9th,

and holed an 18-foot putt for The way that Chapman. Tony Johnstone and Wayne Westner played the 10th could provide a quiz question. How

did three men take ten strokes on one par-four hole when only one of them putted? Answer: one man, Chapman, holed his second shot; the second man, Johnstone, holed his third shot, from a bunker; while Westner, the third, Chapman's five-iron trav-

peared into the hole after one bounce. On the next tee, he hit a magnificent stroke that looked as though it was going to hit the flag. In such a mood, there was bound to be a good chance he would hole the

12-foot putt and he did. Webster is one of the conundrums of the PGA European Tour. He was the leading amateur at the 1995 Open and won the Tour school at San Roque that same year. Then it all went wrong. In his first year as a professional, he missed the cut in his first eight

tournaments and had to return to the qualifying school, where he finished fourth.

When Webster missed the cut in six of his first seven events on the European Tour this year, but then he came fourth in Italy. He is the sort of player who would benefit from having an experienced campaigner carrying his bag and, in Andy Prodger, who caddied for Nick Faldo in the Eighties, he has someone able to do just that. Prodger deserves some credit for Web-

#### SCORES

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15th, where she had to hole from 15 feet for her bogey five after driving into a ditch and taking a penalty drop, but she regained control with two majestic birdies at the 16th and 17th. At the 465-yard 16th, she hit a three wood 234 yards yard 17th, she cracked an eight-iron to four feet. "She's a great credit to Great Britain."

a spectator said, in awe. nate run of four bogeys.

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## IN BRIEF

## course for world title attempt

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Davies's

powers

of recovery

tested

to the limit

THE message was succinct, i cryptic. "Her Majesty's got her marching orders." Laura Davies said, as she made her way to the 13th tee in the second round of the McDonald's LPGA Championship at the DuPont Country Club yes-

The mind raced. An abdication? Charles as King? It was more straightforward: Davies would be getting rid of her new putter, a Maruman with the title "Majesty". after taking four putts at her opening nole in the second round.

The defending champion, four under par after an opening round of 67, battled to a 75, four over, that included four successive bogeys around the turn and was capped by a show-stopping birdle at the 408-yard 9th, her last hole.

The world No I drove into a stream and, with the ball half in and half out of the water, decided to play it. "I can definitely get this out." she said — and did, hitting a fantastic recovery with an eight-iron. She then hit a nineiron on to the green and holed the putt to finish on 142, level par, three shots behind Sherri Steinhauer.

It was a wild and windy day - bright to begin with, but so breezy that the flags above the scoreboard at the 18th were snapping and snarling in frenzied fashion. It was not a gentle day for golf and the early scores reflected the de-

gree of difficulty. Given the conditions, Davies's putting lapse was not terminal. From 20 feet, she hit the first putt three feet above the hole, dribbled the second three feet past, then pushed the third - that was a bad putt", she confessed - and holed the next.

Davies dropped a shot at the

Then came that insubordi-

# Slaney on

MARY SLANEY, of the United States, has two weeks to answer charges that she took a hormone drug to improve her performance at the American Olympic Games trials in June, 1996. Slaney, 38, will continue to run competitively and will race Sonia O'Sullivan, the Ireland athlete, over 3.000 metres at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugenc, Oregon, on May 25.

Even if Slaney does appear at the scheduled hearing, she has the right to two further appeals before a final decision is made. As a result, Slaney. who has made a remarkable comeback to athletics after injuries, will almost certainly not know her fate before the world championships in Athens in August, when she hopes to retire gloriously, 14 years after she took two world titles in Helsinki.

#### Seeds blossom

Tennis: Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, at No 6 the highest seed left in the Italian Open, moved serenely into the semifinals yesterday with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Scott Draper, the left-handed Australian who had earlier beaten the favourite. Thomas Muster.

Ivanisevic will next meet Alex Correjta, the No 10 seed, from Spain, who dropped the first set against Karim Alami. of Morocco, but took advantage of three controversial line-calls in the second set to progress 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

#### Faldo poised

Golf: Nick Faldo, of Great Britain, recorded a 66 to finish two shots off the lead in the Byron Nelson Classic in Irving, Texas, yesterday, Tiger Woods, making his first appearance since winning the Masters, was in a six-strong group on 65 lurking behind the joint-leaders, Paul Stankowski and Dudley Hart.

## Wigg's quest

Speedway: Simon Wigg, of King's Lynn. is the most experienced of the four British riders who will set out in Prague tonight on their quest to become world champion. The capital of the Czech Republic is hosting the first grand prix of a six-round series that culminates in Denmark in September.

## Touring show

Motorsport: The seventh and eighth rounds of the 24-race British touring car championship series at Brands Hatch on Sunday will be the first such events in Britain to be televised live. The BBC has embraced the series in the wake of losing its Formula

## Fischer glitters as spotlight returns to main event

BLESSEDLY, the meeting it in reed to the agenda at the American Express Tour Players' Classic yester... day. Internecine strife was returned to Any Other Business, which will not be addressed until-the tournament is over. It-was good to be watching and talking about golf

There have been comings and goings and quiet meetings in even-quieter corners in the 72 hours since Gill Wilson, the deputy chief execu-tive of the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour, stamped out of a bad-tempered annual meeting. Wilson will not return — her letter of resignation has already dropped with a deafening thud on the door

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ne lour as w the venue for this tournament. Terry Coates, the chairman and chief executive, is likely to follow her

at an informal meeting with the board of directors tomorrow evening, but efforts are being made to induce him to change his mind, if only in the short term. "Obviously, Terry is not going to be there for ever." Maureen Madil,

for a short while, though. We would rather have a dignified and structured takeover. Whatever happens, we hope that whenever Terry goes, it will be an amicable parting. There has been more than enough

angst floating around The Tythering-

one of five players on the board, said.

"We would like him to stay at least

induced by the conditions for playing golf and not the sandbagging of senior executives.

What, on Thursday, was rarely more than an occasionally lively but never impossible breeze, turned yesterday into a good, old-fashioned.

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ross the rolling parkland of the Tytherington course and was later joined by an surly drizzle.

Many a score was blown offcourse, a notable exception being that of Tina Fischer, of Germany, who shared the lead after the first round and is even further in front after two. She had her second 69 to finish on 138, six under par, three ahead of Helen Wadsworth and Karen Lunn, who both collected five birdies in matching 67s, thus far the lowest rounds of the tournament; they are the only players still under

Fischer, 26, does not possess the sort of build that usually thrives in blustery conditions. Quite the opposite, in fact - her lightweight frame

the loth. The only blemish on her card came when she bogeyed the 17th after

were waited away.

finding greenside sand and missing a four-foot putt for par, but not even that was enough to ruffle her composure. All in all, it was a day when, to paraphrase Bobby Jones, she was playing a game with which the vast majority of the other 120 were not familiar.

pemg blown clean off her feet

she managed to keep them planted

firmly on the ground while others

birdie putts of three feet and two feet

on the 7th and 9th, then picked up

further shots on the 12th, where

she chipped in from 50 feet, and

Fischer made her big move with

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## RUGBY LEAGUE: CASTLEFORD TURN TO CRITCHLEY IN SEARCH OF REVIVAL

By Christopher Irvine

THE start of a ten-team Southern Conference league this weekend will give rugby league footholds in such non-traditional areas as Birmingham, Leicester, Worcester, Ipswich and Bedford Three teams in London and others in Oxford and Cambridge make

up the pilot competition.
With financial backing by the Rugby Football League and strong criteria to bring about minimum standards, Lionel Hurst, the chairman of the Conference, sees it as a catalyst for national growth. There is a big following for Super-League across the country. It is a case of converting that interest and putting down roots," he said.

Clubs outside traditional northern areas have struggled because of a lack of sustained fixures. The new league will give those stronger sides in the south and a sprinkling of new ones the opportunity of regular competition for three months, culminating in a

grand final, on August 16. Expatriot northerners and Australians are generally outnumbered by rugby union converts. Bedford Swifts are a new side, based on the rugby union team at Bedford. who tomorrow entertain an

Australian-influenced West London at Bedford De Mont-Australian-influenced fort University. Worcester Royals, who are being accom-modated by the union club, tackle the more established

Oxford Cavaliers. The nucleus of the North London side is the highlysuccessful Student Rugby League Old Boys team. Kingston, their opponents today at Hackney, have had coaching assistance from London Broncos. Ipswich, where league is now being taught in some schools, are at home to Cambridge Eagles, who rely on a strong army influence. Leicester and Birmingham. rivals in the East Midlands League, meet today in



Robbie Paul: injured

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Jason Critchley, who left Keighley yesterday to take up two-year contract at Castleford, does not believe he has joined a lost cause at Wheldon Road, His new side is marooned at the bottom of the Super League, without a point in ten matches, and needs desperately to overcome Salford Reds, one of Critchley's former clubs, at home

Critchley, 26, who has represented England and Wales and toured last year with Great Britain, said: "I've no illusions, but as soon as I had a chat with Stuart Raper (the Castleford coach) my mind was made up. I believe I have a long-term future here." Adrian Flynn has moved to

Keighley, with an undisclosed sum paid by Castleford, as part of the deal. Castleford failed to get off the mark last Sunday against Paris Saint-Germain, who will be looking to build on the encouragement of that win at the expense tonight of their fellow strugglers, Sheffield Eagles, at the Charlety Stadium.

Bradford Bulls should consolidate their Super League leadership tomorrow night at Warrington, Although Robbie Paul is recovering from a foot ligament injury more quickly than anyone at Odsal dared

keep the Australian pairing of Glen Tomlinson and Graeme Bradley at half back that helped inflict the 38-18 defeat on St Helens last Sunday.

Warrington Wolves, beaten only once at home in the league, give Phil Wingfield, a centre, his full debut on the wing. The teenager scored two tries at Halifax Blue Sox in his second substitute appearance last week. Richard Henare. scorer of 11 tries this season, resumes on the other flank, with Jon Roper switched inside for the injured Toa Kohe-

Halifax, who missed an injury-time penalty and thus an opening day win at Central Park, are three places above Wigan, for whom the reverse fixture at Thrum Hall tomorrow could be an important turning point. Provided they pick up where they left off in the destruction of London eight days ago, Wigan can break into the top half of the table for the first time in six weeks.

Terry O'Connor has an ankle injury and Neil Cowie is set to take his place in the Wigan front row, Paul Koloi, the Tonga back, who arrived this week, and Stuart Lester. from Auckland Warriors, are additions to the squad.

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Chelsea start as Wembley favourites while Middlesbrough prepare to say farewells

# Juninho seeks to lead final dance

By OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

BOBBY ROBSON, the former England manager, has grown fond of comparing footballing matches with dances. England versus Spain in Euro 96 was a paso doble, he said: Barcelona against Real Madrid last Saturday was a violent tango.

Today, others may say the FA Cup Final will be an intoxicating samba, but, in reality, it is destined to be the

It should be a happy dance. an exuberant festival of the best that English club football has to offer, a high-profile head-to-head between the two teams who have pioneered the influx of foreign players into the FA Carling Premiership this season with such contrasting results, a collision of cultures with the oldest of

English footballing traditions. If nerves do not paralyse them, if Middlesbrough's misfortunes do not weigh them down, the match should be a treat, a heady, fascinating melange of Gianfranco Zola's romantic brilliance, Mark Hughes's controlled power, Fabrizio Ravanelli's fierce finishing and Juninho's near-

irrepressible creative genius. It will, however, be tinged with a rare poignancy, too, for an occasion that usually begins amid uncontained joy. For Chelsea, perhaps, there

Marvel of Teesside Bridge builder

may be only optimism. excitement about a future that looks brighter, but, for Middlesbrough supporters, it is destined to be a final riddled with finality.

For them, it will be an emotional farewell party, a wake for a host of exotic stars who seem certain to desert the ball world by enticing them to Teesside in the first place. Middlesbrough's relegation from the Premiership seems certain to rob them of the glamour they so fleetingly glimpsed.

Juninho, their talisman, the player who has given them his heart and soul, who has never denigrated his new home, who has run until he dropped, is the subject of an offer from Atlético Madrid; Ravanelli, more pragmatic, more detached, is being linked with AC Milan; Emerson, the enfant terrible, may join

Juninho in Spain. Wembley, though, and the Cup Final, is the kind of stage that the Middlesbrough trio crave, the sort of platform that brought them to England in the first place. If they are inspired by the atmosphere and spurred on by their impending departures to indulge in a final fling, Middlesbrough may salvage something from their season.

The Chelsea manager, Ruud Gullit, is unlikely to try to shackle Juninho with a man-marker, as Leicester City did so effectively during the Coca-Cola Cup final and its replay, when they detailed the dogged Pontus Kaamark to be the Brazilian's shadow.

Emerson played so poorly in the fateful last league game of the season at Elland Road that Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, substituted him, but he, too, is a player of rare talent, a surging midfield dynamo who has been stung by moves to make him a scapegoat for the team's failures this season.

if Ravanelli has recovered sufficiently from the back and hamstring problems that he sustained in the midst of Middlesbrough's 3-3 draw at Old Trafford 12 days ago, then together the trio might prove more than Chelsea's suspect defence can cope with.

The defensive frailties of both teams militate towards a high-scoring game, a more open game than the disappointing bore of Manchester United's 1-0 victory over Liverpool last year - a game salvaged only by Eric Cantona's late winner.

If Middlesbrough are still weighed down by the misery of relegation, then the game will surely be wrested from them by Zola and Hughes, one of only five post-war players to compete in five finals.

Zola, who was presented with the Football Writers Association player of the year award in London on Thursday night, has excelled in his first season in England and has formed such a formidable partnership with Hughes that Gianluca Vialli has been rooted to the bench for much of the season, reduced to begging to the pitch at Wembley today.

It was Zola's bravura goal, a sweet turn and unstoppable shot, that proved the highlight of Chelsea's semi-final victory over Wimbledon.





Juninho, left, and Zola, of Middlesbrough and Chelsea respectively, both hope to make the match-winning contribution to the FA Cup Final at Wembley this afternoon

With that attack complemented by the guile of di Matteo and the consistency of Wise and Petrescu on the flanks and the fine passing of Leboeuf from defence, Chelsea should be the stronger side. Gullit, though, dismissed all talk of them being favourites

"I don't think we are favourites much," Gullit said. "We are only confident about our possibilities and

strengths, but we have a lot of respect for Middlesbrough. I don't approach them as a them as a top team.

"I don't think they deserved to go down. With the quality I have seen and the way they play, it is strange for me that they were relegated.
"I know it is going to be a

special occasion, but what it really is, what it really means, I won't know until afterwards. I will just go there and enjoy it. I want to wait for the occasion.

"It is important for us to win so we qualify for the Cup Winners' Cup next season. You need to challenge yourself. If you are always on the same level, it gets boring. You need to improve all the time. You see the development of Stamford Bridge and we need to match that development on the pitch."

Gullit told Paul Parker and Neil Clement that they would not be among the 16 travelling to Wembley yesterday. "I will tell the players tomorrow morning who is playing," Gullit said. "There will be disappointments and it will be very difficult for me, but that's

## By DAVID MADDOCK

TWO issues dominated in the Middlesbrough camp yesterday as they made prepara-tions for the 116th FA Cup Final against Chelsea at Wem-

bley today. The question of who would play was followed quickly by where those players would be performing next season. Bryan Robson, the Middles brough manager, confirmed that Fabrizio Ravanelli had,

predictably, recovered from a knee injury that prevented him from taking part in the game at Leeds United last Sunday that saw his side relegated. Also a definite starter is Emerson, the Brazilian, whose place had been in doubt for the

final after a petulant outburst after being substituted at Elland Road. We have no problems. Ravanelli has passed his fitness test and will play providing there is no overnight reaction. Emerson playing as well," Robson said. They are a vital

noon's contest will surely be their last for Middlesbrough. barring a replay. Ravanelli is destined for Milan, Internazionale and AC both making £8.5 million offers. Emerson's destination is less sure, but Barcelona will be favoured should Bobby Robson — the Brazilian's former manager at FC Porto - retain his position

at the club. Most fascinating of all is the destination of Juninho. He will leave, that much is cer-

Middlesbroagh. "It would be very interesting

## Hoddle calls up Eadie

DARREN EADIE, the Norwich City forward, has been enlisted by Glean Hoddle for England's hectic summer pro-gramme. Eadie, 21, received the call yesterday after the England coach was forced to count Paul Merson out of the

Merson lasted only seven minutes of Arsenal's final FA

Steve Gibson, the Middle brough chairman, has quietly

circulated the notion that Juninho could go abroad on a season-long loan to, say, Spain and then return should the Teesside club be immediately promoted back into the FA Carling Premiership. It is a prospect that intrigues Juninho, whose heart really is with

for me to stay in England, I like English football and my

Carling Premiership game at Derby County on Sunday after damaging a tibia. Eadie

the first time and Hoddle said: "Darren will be training with the senior squad next week ahead of the match with South Africa and will also be coming out with us

will join the senior squad for

may yet return to the River- that I will have to think of things and I will have to think about it."

He could remain in England, but not with Middlesbrough. Manchester United have made a firm move and yesterday suggested that they have funds available to match tire £8 million offered for Juninho by Atlètico Madrid. United, however, may not

have things their own way. Juminho is a keen admirer of Liverpool and close friends suggest that if he is to choose England over Spain, then he may move to Merseyside... Robson's mind was concen-

trated by continuing fears over the fitness of Ben Roberts, his only available goalkeeper. Roberts has a shoulder prob-lem; but Robson is convinced that he will be fit.

Meanwhile, Real Zaragoza, of Spain, are reported to have made a £6 million bid for Eric Cantona, the Manchester Uni-

## England prepare to pick both Hollioakes

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S cricket selectors may be about to stun us all. Of habit and inclination, the breed has been strictly conser-vative, but the latest, unusually young and streamlined panel will this weekend contemplate a switch to new liberal by choosing a raw teenager for his international debut before he has even claimed an unchallenged place in his county side.

The name is Hollioake. Not Adam, who will be automatically included when the party for the three Texaco Trophy one-day internationals against Australia is named tomorrow.

who is only 19 and has just a handful of senior appearances behind him. He would be entirely right

for the moment, underlining the message that England need no longer genuflect to custom and that age - or youth - is no barrier to swift advancement. Ben Hollioake has made a vivid impression in a very brief time. His plain figures may not be staggering. but there is something about him that transmits a special talent and a sturdy temperament. The first might not be sufficient: the two together should be decisive, for this is not a vulnerable boy likely to wilt under Australian attentions. The younger Hollicake was born, like his brother, in Melbourne and adapted impressively to representative cricket when chosen for The Rest against England A last month.

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for Surrey, including the making of forthright runs when promoted to the pinch-hitting role, should have cured any selectorial cold feet. Adam's stronger suit is bat-

ing, which, again, ought to suit England though, his dramatic elevation will depend to some extent on the selectors' attitude towards another of his Surrey teammates, the endlessly mercurial

highly unlikely to reappear at this level after being summarihy dropped from a Texaco series last August for turning up late on a Test match day. There is a case for saying he

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deserves no more reprieves, but, not for the first time, he has begun a season well and the selectors are tempted to lorgive and lorget once more. if only for the particular demands of the coming week. The downside — and here we

go again — is that Lewis is already injured. He has missed all Surrey's cricket this week through a neck strain and although David Grav-ency, the chairman of selectors, has spoken to the player, England would be taking even more of a risk than usual by including him.

They have two options. Either pick Ben Hollioake above Lewis, which is the course of action i would propose, or select them both in a party expanded to 15, which is more likely to be the outcome. It so, Lewis should consider himself

Now that Nick Knight has resumed fitness and a semblance of form, he will surely

captain, Michael Atherton, blocking a possible recall for Alistair Brown. Two more Surrey men, Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe, will be in the middle-order, along with Gra-

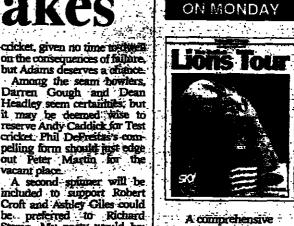
As Graeme Hick's only significant score has come in the Parks and neither John Crawley nor Nasser Hussain are regarded as one-day material, the final batting place should concern Chris Adams and Mark Ramprakash. The choice is between a romantic neturn to a fatally-flawed talent and the pragmatic promotion of an ambitious and frustrated man. Ramprakash might just flower in instant

on the consequences of failure. but Adams deserves a chance. Among the seam howlers, Darren Gough and Dean Headley seem certainties; but it may be deemed wise to

cricket. Phil DePretts's com-

pelling form should just edge out Peter Martin for the vacant place. A second spinner will be included to support Robert Croft and Ashley Giles could be preferred to Richard Stemp. My party would be: Atherion, Knight, Stewart, Adams, Thorpe, Lloyd, Ealham, A Hollioake, B Hollioake, Gough, Headley,

DeFreitzs, Croft, Giles.



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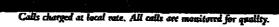
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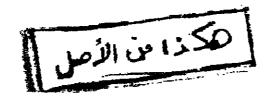
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The first all-woman expedition to the North Pole is about to plant the flag. Ginny Dougary flew out to meet them



Above, left to right: team-mates Caroline Hamilton, Zoe Hudson, Lucy Roberts and Pom Oliver pit themselves against the icy blast and point the compass north. Below, Ginny Dougary (right) settles in with the party for a pasta supper

#### ou haven't lived until you've had a pee out in the Arctic." says Zoe Hudson, setting the tone for our long night in broad daylight on the ice. Whatever the private fears of Penguin Echo, the last team of the first all-woman expedition to the North Pole — or, per-haps, because of them — the

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appropriate considering our "camp site" is a sort of natural sculpture gallery, the snow does not falter (the only fear whipped and frozen into the each of the team members most fantastic, tilting shapes -

this is Loaded for girls. But my tent mates are not alone in their pre-occupation: with their nether regions. Without exception, the first question from every woman I have told about my own Arctic adventure has been: "But how will you go

The answer is simple, and as dignified as can be expected in the circumstances. The bright red outer suits have been cunningly customised by the men behind the women on this trip with a zip which runs from the navel, hugging the pelvic region, to the base of the spine. The undergarments, made by Damart, apparently the last word in thermal lingerie, are two pairs of crotchless leggings: a very far cry. I can only imagine, from anything avail-

able in Ann Summers. When you have fought off the urge for as long as is humanly possible, you find the nearest

# Girls' own adventure

convenient ice hill, dig a hole, unzip yourself, part the vent and, woild, you have had a minimum exposure maximum ny and relemiessly lavatorial.

Forget lyrical rhapsodies on counter, is if your zip jams in the vicinity of your birth canal to come to your rescue.

By the end of May, if Echo does not falter (the only fear admits to harbouring), the five teams which make up the McVitie's Penguin Polar Relay — a mouthful in more ways than one, since the women are obliged to eat four Penguin bars a day in appreciation of their sponsors — will have walked a staggering 400 nauti-cal miles across the shifting sea-ice to reach the geographi cal North Pole, the fixed point

at the top of the world. The temperature in the tent at base camp, given that we are sitting on a carpet of snow, could almost be described as warm — "toasty", as the women like to say. Dangling above us is a sort of clothes line, to which six pairs of gloves are secured by pegs. During my sleepless hours, when the tembegins to freeze into a grimace, the navy fingers seem to beckon eerily, buffeted by the intermittent gusts of icy wind.

Everything has a place and a



number of functions. A ski holds up the roof of the circular tent, which the team members erect in no time at all. How they will manage in a blizzard is another matter; it's no joke if your tent flies away when you're in 45C conditions. In one corner is a small mountain perature drops and my face of ice which has been chipped off a glacier and is used for cooking the evening meal: Alfredo Primavera pasta, which is surprisingly delicious when you are expecting some-

thing hideous, like tinned sparn hash. Plastic containers are filled with the boiled ice to be decanted in pans for tomorrow's breakfast, and double as

hot water bottles at night. The expedition coach, Geoff Somers, a Cumbrian with a misleadingly tough exterior who spends his life moving from one expedition to another through the jungle, across the desert, over ice, is coping man-fully with this bewildering onslaught of femininity. When

Pom, Lucy, Zoe and Caroline aren't discussing gynaecologi-cal and scatological problems, they are assiduously off-setting the whiffy effects of their training with liberal doses of Chanel

The expedition is the brainchild of Caroline Hamilton, a 33-year-old merchant banker turned film financier. Fellow Echo member Pom Oliver, in her mid-40s, is a partner in her company. Zoe Hudson, a sports physiotherapist (handy

on an expedition) shares a London East End warehouse conversion with Caroline off Brick Lane. Lucy Roberts, a lighting designer who intends to return to journalism after this trip, is the fourth member of the party.

amilton was a tomboyish girl, with three older brothers, brought up by her headmaster father to be fearless and to achieve anything she set out to accomplish. "I've always wanted to be known," she says. "I've always wanted to make a mark."

Two years ago she met Pen

Hadow, who runs the Polar Travel Company, and the sto-ries of his Arctic explorations triggered something in her. "Here it is," she thought, "here is my opportunity." Together, they came up with the extravagantly ambitious idea of mounting the first all-woman expedition to the North Pole. Hadow has helped to facilitate it, but there is no doubt who has been the driving force. Hamilton's mildly dotty manner belies a muscular determination to get her way, without which the project would doubtless never have got off the ground, let alone on to the sea-ice.

Last September, 65 would-be explorers converged on Dart-

moor for a weekend of rock climbing at night in the driving rain, abseiling, hauling heavy gear over boggy terrain; exercises in SAS-style training to whittle out the women from the girls. The 20 who made it include a Yorkshire mother of baby triplets, a 50-year-old teacher, a mother-and-daughter duo, a great-niece of the Queen Mother, and a student

from Buckinghamshire. The women have spent the last six months training long and hard — as I discover to my cost when I struggle pathetically to keep up with them. All the hours in London gyms and the weekends in the country dragging tyres over moors have honed their bodies into lean survival machines.

I had thought to model myself on Nanook of the North, but end up as Ab Fab in the Arctic. "Honestly, darlings," I want to whimper in Edina-like protest, "can't you tell when someone's had enough." It is my fault, of course, for foolishly volunteering to get into the

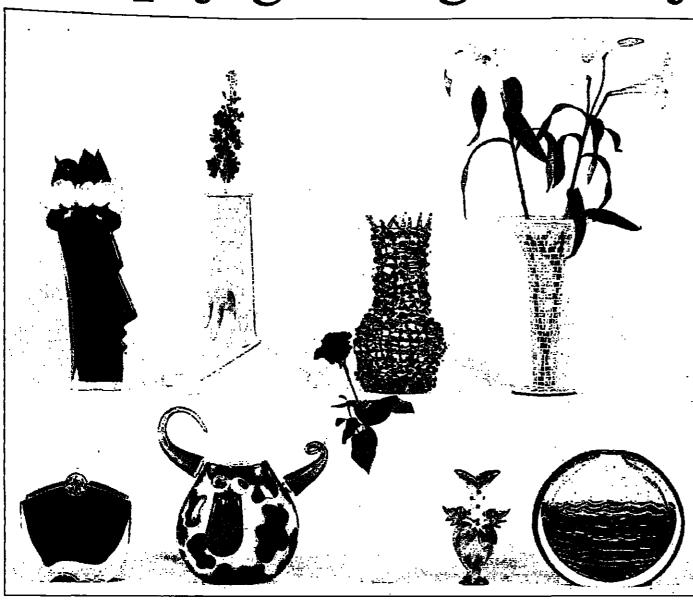
spirit of things. This involves the indignity — only the first of many — of being trussed into a deeply unsexy corset-cum-harness which is connected to a pulk (or sled) bearing, in my case, a trifling 20lb of salt. The pulks of our Arctic heroines, to give you an idea of their strength and stamina, are weighed down with almost four times that load. The team members will have to carry two weeks of supplies, with no food drops, as

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# Simply gilding the lily





So much for subtle vases. These bold, modern designs are positive show-stoppers, says Sophie Chamier

ABOVE, TOP ROW: The Face vase by Christopher Williams, £176, made of mould blown unleaded glass and available in white, red or black, from The Glasshouse (0171-359 8162). Rubber Glove vase £14.95 (£3.50 p&p), from Presents Direct, mail order (0171-371 7017). Beaded vase by Annie Sherburne featuring blue and turquoise antique and modern glass beads, £600, from Contemporary Applied Arts (0171-436 2344). Cream opaque mosaic lily vases, £180, from Liberty (0171-734 1234).

ABOVE, BOTTOM ROW: OcZanie vase in red or blue or clear cased crystal, £670, from Baccarat, 37 Old Bond Street, W1 (0171-409 7767). Mad Cow vase designed by Bob Crooks, in black and white glass with pink tongue, £520 (inc. p&p), from First Glass (0171-622 3322). Erotic

vase, designed by Nigel Coates for Simon Moore, £84. Made of sandblasted leaded glass and available in black or flesh colour, from the Design Museum shop (0171-403 6933) Multi-coloured Little Angel vase, by ceramic designer Jennie Burns, is made of coiled white earthenware with multiple layers of glaze and finished with lustres including gold and mother-of pearl, £60 (inc. p&p) (01420 472247). Polychrome crystal vase with blue, green and red bands, designed by Berit Johansson for Venetian glass makers, Salviati, £675, to order through Thomas Goode (0171-499 2823).

LEFT: The Barbed Wire Vase in full lead crystal, £180 (inc. p&p), from Columbia Glassworks (0171-613 5155) ■ Robert Crampton's Serious Shopping returns next week

> skis across the lumpy, treacherous tundra towards the Pole.

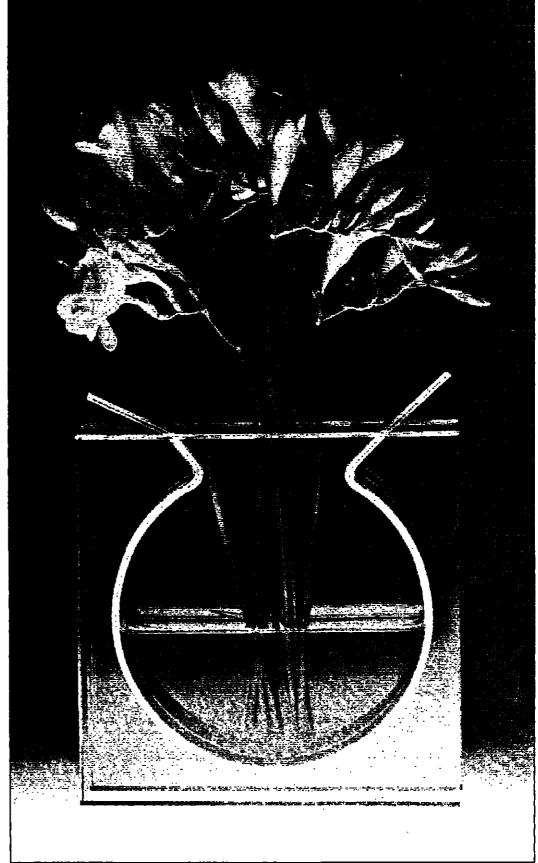
> > Rookery, the men's den

and Operation Head-

quarters, with fax, phone and Web site, is one of amiable

heartiness. Everyone has a soubriquet and a barrel or two

to his name. Occasionally,



ABOVE: Ribbon vase from the Museum of Modern Art in New York, £34.95 (£3.50 p&p). Available from Presents Direct Photographs by Des Jenson. Styling by Caroline Griffiths

chilly, arrested motion

made one think of the wicked

Snow Queen in Narnia wav-

ing her wand and proclaiming

that, henceforth, it will be

forever winter in the lands of

The imagination is too small

a thing to contain such beauty.

Even as your heart is bursting

with delight, as you pick out a shining blade of turquoise ice

in the distance or marvel at the

optic fibres and delicate glass-

like slivers under foot, you are

already mourning its loss. The majestic sweep of it is reduced

to the small television screen

of your mind's eye. It looks like

the moon, you say. It looks like

the Sahara. And when you

hear absolute silence it does

not deafen, but seems to con-

tain sounds which do not exist.

skidooed into the depths of a

vast ravine, Hadow leaves me

on my own to my thoughts. I

feel as though a layer of skin

has been flayed away. It is like

being in the most beautiful

cathedral with a divine choir,

and all my life seems to shrink

to this one point and this one

place, as though nothing be-

At one point, when we have

the High Arctic.

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when I begin to lose the plot, I find myself referring to Nobby (Peter Noble-Jones) as Noddy, or Smithy (Mike Ewart-Smith) aka Goldy, as Honey or Sweetie. This amnesia may be my strain of Arctic Madness, the condition that locals lampoon during the "silly season" when "the Crazies" come up to pit themselves against an environment which only the Inuit da's far north. It began life as a weather station and, in the 1950s, the Canadian Governpeople have the temperament and skills (sadly diminishing) to master all the year round. ment planted the Inuit colony

The story of the men is as remarkable in its own small way as that of the women. In a role reversal which is as neat as it seems refreshingly effortless, these big sporting chaps, upper-class but without too much bray, have assumed the role of handmaidens: sewing and nurturing instead of hunting and gathering. Smithy, a Cowes sailing champion, has proved an able seamstress, navigating his way unflinchingly, with the aid of a sewing machine, through the gussets

of 20 women's ski suits. The communuity in which the women have landed, like creatures from Mars, is an Inuit hamlet (pop 170) that has its share of the difficulties which, from Australia to North America, beset indigenous peoples attempting to adapt to modern society without losing their own identity. Base camp is at Resolute Bay, which lies at the tip of

Cornwallis Island in the far-

thest-flung reaches of Cana-

in a ramshackle sprawl of flimsy-looking houses to protect Canada's rights over the land in the High Arctic. A nomadic people, the Inuit have

left them stranded between two cultures. Three and a half miles away is the "other" Resolute: a base of about 65 permanent "southerners" who work for the Polar Shelf scientific research project or one of the local air services. As winter turns to spring, and five months of death-like darkness give way to the endless day, there is an additional (Juctuating population of explorers, wealthy tourists, trophy hunters and engineers en route for the mines and rigs scattered across the north-

been persuaded to settle into a

lifestyle which has effectively

Rupert Pendrill Hadow ---Polar Pen, as he is known to his friends - has the name, the pedigree and the dashing good looks of a Mills and Boon hero, but with a disconcertingly modern, even feminist twist. I am fortunate enough to have him as a guide - my own personal polar explorer — during a day of my stay at Resolute. And what a day.

can't see any white." Hadow says, gesturing all around us. "Show me some white." It is true that the longer you are out on the ice, the more your eye becomes accustomed to seeing. So what at first you think is a blanket white uniformity is, in fact, a shimmering range of pastels and creams which alters according to the time of day and what you can guess is night because of the cold kicking in and subtle changes in light.
At midnight, for instance,

the huge blood-orange sun, which sits briefly on the horizon, seems to drip its rosy colour over the ice or heat it from underneath so that it glows baby-blue or candy-floss pink like the colours in a fairytale.

Flying into Resolute over what looked like the dunes of a beach and then the churning spume of the sea frozen in midcrest — a vision of nature in

later, to be reduced to tears by such an overwhelming experi

wresting this territory away from the "hairy-bottomed machismo" of the male adventurer. "Women have been psyched out of thinking they can or should attempt to do things in the polar region," he says. "Unfortunately, the Ran Fiennes mode of exploration - blood and blisters, pain and crucif-ixion — is what sells hooks."

He also believes that there has been some investment in creating a pedestal - a temple to the heroic male ideal - to prolong the notion that polar travel is out of bounds for the merely mortal, particularly if she is female,

On my last day with the women, we hire a Twin-Otter and fly to Beechey Island, an hour or so east of Resolute. We land in a God-forsaken place which chilis the soul: a vast, flat expanse framed on three sides by great cliffs, the black ridges emerging from their white coating. In the distance are four tiny crosses of bleached wood bearing the names of the young men in their thirties who died searching for Sir John Franklin, who led an expedition to Cornwallis Island in 1845. Nothing else remains. His body was never found. But he and the British men who came to look for him. and met their own deaths in this lonely terrible desolation, opened up the North-West Passage for the next generation of explorers.

As we walk back to the plane, the wind beating the snow into flurries which burn our cheeks. Caroline Hamilton looks serious for the first time on our trip. She mutters, half-silenced by the enormity of the thought and its implications. "What an awful place to die".

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unbelted macs to Crombie-

style jackets

ummer coats are a must in a British climate and this year the selection is better than ever. Super-soft macs, longline jackets and menswear-inspired looks are all in cooler versions of last season's styles, and many are in new materi-als. Natural fibres are mixed with breathable synthetics, and highly spam, fine-thread wools are woven into perfect summer fabrics.

Faur leather and reptile skin coats have become very popular, particularly because the new fabric can breathe, and they won't be left behind when real leather makes a his impact over the part the big impact over the next year

The look for coats today is as simple and clean as possible so macs should not be worn belted, because this interrupts the clean line - with a variety of lengths from soft, floaty

maxi coats to tight blousons. The Crombie-style, which comes from the Edwardian frock coat, is a favourite. and without too much shaping and tailoring makes you look taller. It can be worn with a pair of milored trousers or a simple skirt and matching shell-top. or choose tighter fitting tops and shirts.



ABOVE: Light blue double-breasted coat, £530, Marrii, Dickins & Jones, W1 (0171-734 7070); striped vest, £14, and blue cotton jeans, £39.99, both Pepe, branches nationwide (0171-836 8666)



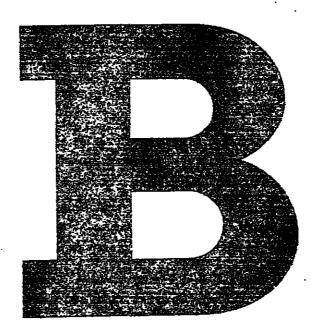


ABOVE: Black PVC coat, £60, Warehouse, branches nationwide (0171-278 3491); cream fitted top, £32 99, and ivory-button lly trousers, £49 99, both from Pepe, branches nationwide (0171-836 8666)

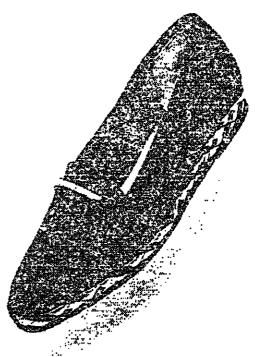
FAR LEFT: Pale lilac coat, £69 99, and matching shell top. £32.50, both from La Redoute. mail order (0500 777777); blue cotton white-strich jeans. £39.99, from Pepe (as before) Beige open-toe sandals, 259.95, Bertie, selected branches nationwide (0171-935 2002)

LEFT: Pale yellow mac, £265, Scotch House, 2 Brompton Road, SW1 (0171-581 2151): striped vest, £14, Pepe (as before); ecru cotton trousers. £34, Gap, branches nationwide (0800 427789); navy and white trainers, £39,99, Converse, Office, 57 Neal Street, WC2 (0181-838 4447)

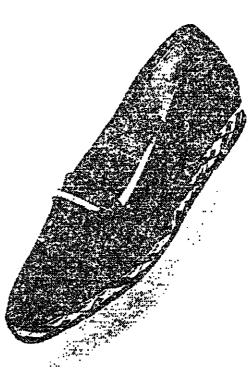
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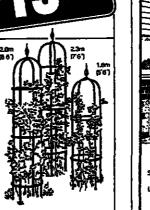
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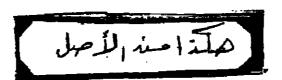
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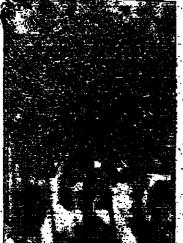
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# Bulbs to light up a thirsty garden

ith the Almighty, or whoever it is that organises the weather, promising yet another drought this year, and with the increasing likelihood of hosepipe bans, one wonders whether Britages gardeners will find the courtung ho gurus are suggesting that we abandon conventional beds and borders and concentrate on Mediterranean plants — or even cacti.

Sut if, by Mediterranean gariens, they mean planting clusters of those grey, leather-leaved strublets, evolved to handle 100F on a teacup of rain once a year, forget it. Such species may be handsome enough, jostling togeth-ee in the macuis with an azure ean glittering below and rugged funtains rearing above, but in average British garden they sit little islands lost in a sea of ak chip mulch. And how grim at grey foliage can look when the

is overcasi. Sie true Mediterranean flora is different. Visit Crete, say, or Overus at the right time of year. and you will find that the countryside can outdo Britain for being green and pleasant with a richness and diversity of flora. Roadsides are golden with crown marigolds. ancient ruins are dotted with scarlet poppies or blood-red rammcutus, pinewoods are carpeted with wild cyclamen, often with peonies, and seeding hellebores towering above them. Even use upon loving shrubs burst into colour: pink and white rock roses, fragrant styrax, silvery convolvulus, and oddball plants such as birthwort. so-called because their blooms semble the human uterus.

With each lengthening day, the race speeds up to flower before the summer heat sets in, usually reaching a crescendo in early May. Thereafter, the barometer rises, the climate settles down and the whole region starts to bake brown.

Star attractions in the surge to bloom are plants which grow from bulbs, corms or tubers. Technically, these are known as geophytes, but it is simpler to lump the whole lot together — the list would include gladioli, tulips, anemones, fritillaries, cyclamen and so on — and call them bulbs. When dormant, these plants store their lifeblood (in the form of statchy or sugary food material) in underground organs, biding their time until moisture and coolness encourage them to emerge again.

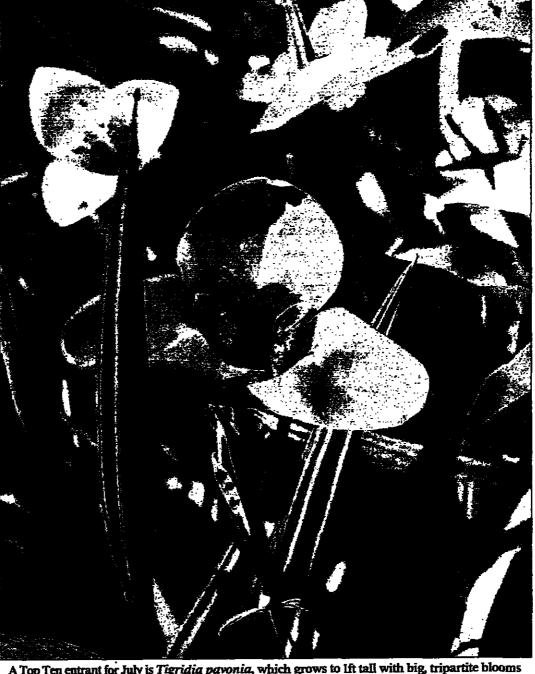
Going to ground, like a decidu-ous tree losing foliage, is an extraordinary development for survival in adverse times. In southern Europe, some of the finest garden plants evolved this way: irises, hyacinths, daffodils. But if you look at the global picture, the choice of bulbs is much wider. From South America, for example, there are such achingly beautiful garlicrelatives as leucocoryne ("Glory of aroma, but delicate blue or purple flowers, a little like extended bluebells. Asia has given us lily species, but the richest haul comes from southern Africa. Here, in the world's richest plant kingdom, a combination of cold but plentiful winter rainfall and hot, dry summers, has resulted in a bewildering bonanza of bulbs.

Wonderful in the wild, all these species have a huge and growing value as garden plants. As water becomes less readily available, bulbs provide a colourful, luxuriant alternative to those leathery individuals which sit above ground and brazen the summer out.

the joy of an English garden and climate is that, with careful selection and timing your planting, you can contrive to have a run of bulbs in flower from spring to autumn. Indeed, it would be a simple matter to have something bulbous in bloom every day of the year.

Garden centres usually stock the more commonplace summer bulbs, particularly those which have been extensively hybridised, but if your interests run beyond big, brassy gladiolas, boy from a specialist. And, because bulbs could almost have been designed for mail order, a supplier is no further away than

Rupert Bowlby runs a nursery in Surrey which produces nothing but



A Top Ten entrant for July is Tigridia pavonia, which grows to lft tall with big, tripartite blooms

unusual bulbs. His latest mailorder catalogue features species for every season, and a section on treasures from South Africa. "The South Africans are glorious," Mr Bowlby says, "but not all of them are hardy for British gardens."

When challenged to name the easiest and toughest, he comes up with Eucomis bicolor. "It survives outside in my Surrey garden for winter after winter. The colloquial name is 'Pineapple Lily', because its green and russet flowers are bunched thickly along the stem, beneath a topknot of foliage, mak-

ing it look, at a pinch, like a pineapple. "They hate the damp," Mr Bowlby says, "but don't give a damn about the cold, as long as they are not waterlogged.

Agapanthus, too, are touchy: they need a relatively cool, moist period for building up their builds. That way they flower more profusely in summer." For late summer, running into

autumn, Mr Bowlby recommends the South African Nerine bowdenii as the most dependable. Sugarcandy pink, ruffled petals, delicate to look at but tough enough to withstand buffeting September winds, it is as good to pick for the house as to enjoy outdoors. But plant the bulbs where they will be undisturbed, so that they can bulk up and provide successions of bloom.

The foregoing are all relatively hardy bulbs which you can plant and forget. But there is an even wider choice of tropical and subtropical species which, though tender, are so easy that it would be

crazy not to plant them. Each year, I plunge a big pot of Hymenpcallis narcissiflora, the Peruvian daffodil, into the gravelly

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**■ JULY** 

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■ AUGUST

Eremurus robustus: a huge, spike which reaches almost 10in before crupting into pink

Cyclamen purpurascens: one of the more difficult hardy cyclamen, with intensely fragrant carmine flowers and marbled foliage; plant in semishade in limy soil: 4in.

■ SEPTEMBER

Gladiolus callianthus (formerly acidanthera): fragrant flowers in pure white, each with a maroon centre and suspended in its own little stem from the main flower spike: 25ft. Crocus speciosus: a true crocus

- not a colchicum - which flowers without foliage; soft purple blue petals and a vivid orange stigmata; 4in. Amaryllis belladonna: bold stems emerging without foliage in early autumn, carrying umbels of large, pink and white blooms; 2ft.

bed along the edge of our terrace. "Is that cheating?" I ask Mr Bowlby, "Not at all," he says. "It's the best way to deal with tender bulbs. All they need to get through winter is to be kept in a frost-free greenhouse, but on a summer's evening you need them where you can sit with your drink in your hand and revel in their fragrance.

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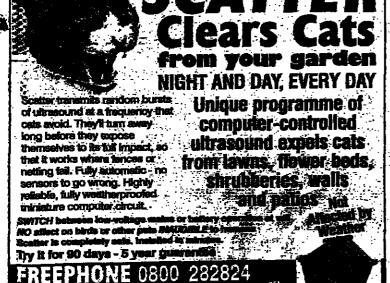
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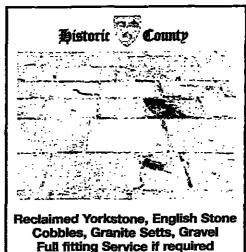
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My old Japanese crah.

Malus floribanda. flowered magnificently until it lost a limb in a gale, after which it never bloomed again, and died, branch by branch. This spring I had it cut down, only to discover that there was blossom at the top of the one remaining branch, and healthy suckers at the base. Could I keep one sucker to grow into a new tree? — M.E. Jelley. Andover. Hampshire.

A Keep it if you must. It is unlikely to make a strong tree, though it should be true to type and not a sucker of plain apple stock. The chances are that the old trunk was diseased, and it is likely that sooner or later it will kill your sucker. It would be better to plant a healthy new tree and to remove the stump. Dead trees can still throw suckers: I once cut down a mature handkerchief tree, which had died of honey fungus. I made the trunk and main limbs into a rustic bench which still managed to throw a shoot.

Following your article on vine weevils (Weekend, April 26), could you tell me the time spans of a weevil's life in a conservatory, and how long it takes from seeing the beetles to the grubs hatching. This, I feel, must be crucial to the success of treatment with nematodes. The weevils seem to love my lipstick plants. Aeschynanthus radicans. — S. Jones. Newport. Essex.

Aeschynanthus look rather like trailing tradescantias, but with terminal clusters of orangeyred flowers. They are in the same family as African violets and streptocarpus. And, yes, vine weevils adore them. While it is fairly safe to say that, outdoors, vine weevil adults die off in autumn and the grubs are winter dormant, under glass things are different. In the warmth of a conservatory it is possible to have several overlapping generations of weevils, and a less identifiable pause in their activity. So under glass the best approach to a visible infestation is to treat it three



STEPHEN ANDERTON

to four times at four-week intervals to make a clean start. Then you may treat as and when required or, if you have many valuable plants, on a regular (but expensive) basis. The nematodes remain effective in the soil for

I have a 6ft-high Kore-an pine and would like it to get no taller than 8ft. Is this possible and, if so, how best do I prune it? - D.K. Wilkinson, Lytham, Lancashire.

This medium-sized tree is closely related to the European arolla pine. Pinus cembra, and has a loose conical habit. There are dwarf forms, and 'Winton' is said to grow considerably wider than it does tall. However, keeping small a healthy, non-dwarf pine of any species is not easy. It is possible in early spring to pinch out the terminal buds of the main branches, to increase bushiness, but once you pinch out the central leading shoot of a pine you lose the attraction of its symmetry. On the other



Create a tree-trunk seat

hand, if you make the tree dense enough it might hide its structural shortcomings.

Half of the asparagus crowns I planted in my sandy garden in 1994 have died. So have others grown from seed. The spears grow lop-sided, yellow and stringy. I have seen no sign of the black and yellow asparagus beetles and have sprayed with pirimphos-methyl and deris. - F. Thompson, Retford, Nottinghamshire.

Check again to see if

there is beetle damage. Look for eaten leaves, and for bark nibbled away causing yellow, twisted stems above. If you spot damage, pick off as many beetles and grubs as you can. Pyrethrum, permethrin and bifenthrin are suitable sprays with which to follow up. The problem could just be fungal. Both fusarium and violet root rot attack asparagus. Look for the violet strands on the roots of dying or newly dead plants. infected plants should be burned and a different crop grown on the patch.

Occasionally, I spot-Q treat broadleaved weeds on my lawn with weedkiller. Can you tell me if any seedheads appearing while the plants die will be more fertile, less fertile, or not fertile at all? I do my best to remove the heads. but I am not always able to do it in time. - D. Jacobs, Colchester, Essex.

Most weedkillers work Most weedkillers work by disturbing some practical, mechanical aspect of the plant's life, such as its ability to make proteins or photosynthesise. Plants die simply of weakness. In the meantime, if they manage to open flowers and set some seed, there is no reason to suppose that they will not be perfectly good seed. So continue to take the heads off.

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# Euphoria amid euphorbias

■ Denmans, Denmans Lane. Fontwell, West Sussex (01243 542808)

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This three-and-a-half acre garden of mixed planting, scree garden, unusual plants and a glasshouse of tender species brings fond memories. John Brookes, who runs Denmans, trained me in garden design at the school within the gardens.

The gardens are partly Mr Brookes's work and that of the late Mrs Robinson who, in her later years, used an electric wheelchair to guide parties on a tour of the gardens. Mrs Robinson began the garden in 1946 and, in the early 1980s. it was taken over by Mr Brookes. He uses classic architectural plants, such as Euphorbia wulfenii, unusual flooring materials and large empty faux terracotta pots to give shape and decoration. Gravel plantings hold back the self-seeding yellow-speckled spires of Verbascum olympicum and the irislike Sisyrinchium striatum.

Plant association in Denmans is original and highly disciplined: frame**OPEN THIS WEEKEND** 

works are introduced without necessarily using traditional formal formulas, such as clipped box and yew hedging. Instead, holly, cotoneaster, pittosporum, olearia and even cupressus are used to hold together a planting of varying foliage: large bluegreen pads of Hosta sieboldiana, golden marjoram, the dart-like leaves

of foxgloves, and oleania. The pool area is an undulation of gravel winding, stream-like, down to the water's edge, where a Simon Verity figure gazes across the waterscape.

Lingen nursery and garden, Lingen, Herefordshire (01544 267720)

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£1.50, children free Kim Davis holds the national collection of Iris siberica and herbaceous campanula. His two-and-a-half acre garden reflects the specialisation in

alpines (the alpine aquilegias are at their best now) and herbaceous plants, and includes some unusual plants. The garden is a showcase for 50,000 plants, 800 of which are listed in the catalogue, though more are available.

Mr Davis says that this is a plantsman's rather than a designer's garden, and almost all the plants are labelled, including some rarities, such as a collection of 60 species of penstemons, which will be looking their best now (the nursery sells about 30 of them). Look out for two or three different forms of P. davidsonti, shrubby, mound-forming plants with flowers ranging from deep blue to lavender. The dwarf form, P. hamillis, grows to about four inches high with sky blue flowers. P. rydbergii is a good purple blue, and P. linaroides smoky blue. One area of the nursery has been made into a cottage garden of a third of an acre, with the same amount of landgiven over to an "alpine mound".

Mr Davis is developing a new garden, some of it put down to bold herbaceous plants such as the fiery-headed Euphorbia griffithii and spe cialist grasses.

■ Isabella Plantation, Richmond Park, Surrey (0181-948 3209)

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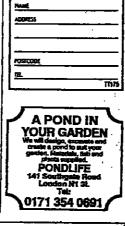






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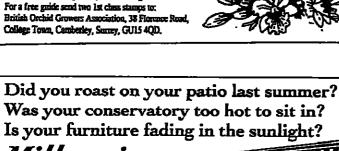
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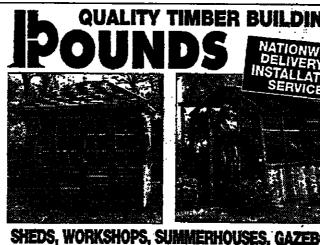
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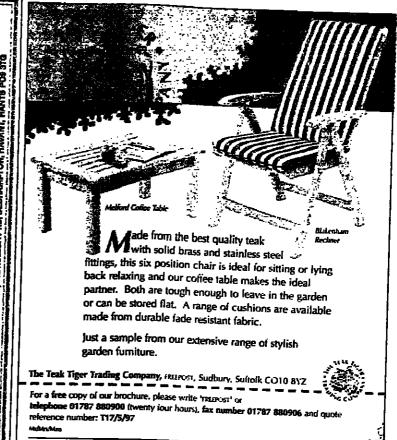
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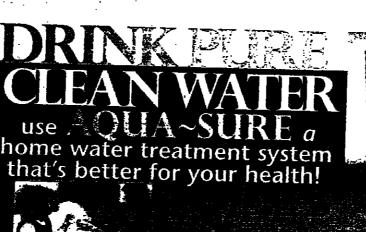
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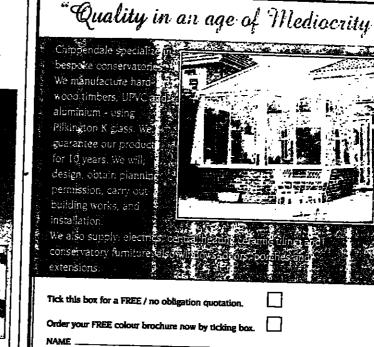




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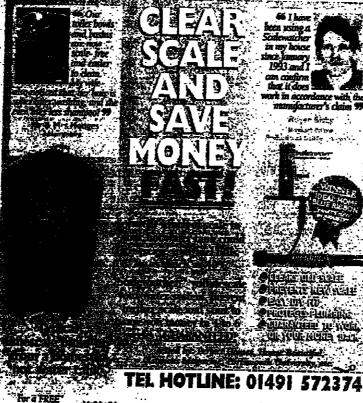
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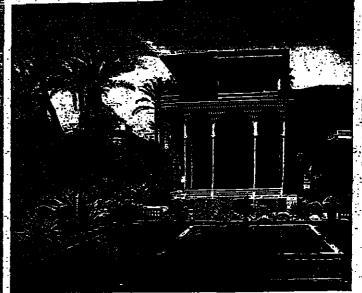
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Far pavilions bring exotic ideas to the big show







The sort of exoticism that inspired displays at the Chelsea show, left to right: the gardens of the Amber Fort, Rajasthan, the Turkish tent at Painshill Park. Cobham, Surrey, and Yves Saint Laurent's La Jardin Majorelle in Morocco

The Chelsea show gardens of next week look set to have exotic, and even the Islamic, about them. After tree houses and temples, we are now heading towards

tented pavilions. Simon Shire's drought-conscious garden for The Mirror will concentrate on aromatic plants from the Mediterranean and culminate in a tented pavilion. But in a much more seriously exotic way. Julia Fortescue and Anthony Lockwood have designed a Mogul garden for the Maharaja of Jodhpur (also Rajasthan's Minister of Tourism).

This garden ends in a genuine Rajasthani tented pavilion of turquoise, blue, yellow and cream. It would be quite an eye-opener in

The Mogul garden has been created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Indian independence. and it is based closely on old Indian

central square basin and fountain, with four rills running away from it to represent the Koran's ingredients of life - milk, honey, wine and

Life is big at Chelsea, this year. Age Concern's garden is an allegory of life which kicks off with "a stream of babies' tears". Askham Bryan College's garden earnestly sets out to mingle cultures and philosophies as seen through the elements air, earth, fire and water. Its sunken pool surrounded by a ring of fire should be thoroughly Mozartian, though the installation of a wind machine to wave carefully chosen clumps of grass could be a trick too far.

Ms Fortescue's idea of using a tent came from a visit to Rajasthan to look at the geometric and intricate gardens in the ancient fortresses. She came across a workshop making fabulously decorated pavilion tents for use in gardens or hired out as marquees

for parties. They ranged from the tiny to the huge. She also met Clarissa Mitchell, an Englishwoman working as a designer at the workshop, and it is she who has designed the details of the fabrics for the Chelsea tent and its interior. All furnishings are hand-made in the Rajasthani workshop and took three months to complete. Ms Mitchell has recently set up a business exporting them to Britain.

The idea of an exotic tent in a garden is not new, even in Britain. Tents, especially with lots of soft furnishings, make a splendid focus in a small garden. In New York a few weeks ago, I noticed below my apartment a small garden in what my host described as "Thai Temple" style, and it had a tented and furnished awning in one corner. Unfortunately it had been given a fly-sheet of polythene to get it through the bad weather. In the British climate, too, it

Something tells me that this traditional tented Mogul pavilion from Rajasthan will steal the show'

all winter and expect it to last for years. So it is no surprise that the famous 18th-century Turkish tent at Painshill Park, near Cobham in Surrey, now beautifully restored and gilded, is a solid building underneath its canvas flounces. To banquet in this pavilion would, indeed, be to feast in style. Peel me

a grape, Omar! The structure of the Mogul

garden at Chelsea will be simple; four grass plaits, the Indian marble fountain and rills between, and a planting of old white roses, narrow cypresses and spindle palms. There will be irises too - not the usual Iris albicans seen in Moslem burial grounds but clumps of 1. siberica. Something tells me the tent will steal the show.

Elsewhere at Chelsea, the New York-based designer Madison Cox has designed a garden for Yves Saint Laurent emittled "Yvresse — Rapture of the Senses". It is based on Laurent's Jardin Majorelle in Morocco. Here there will be a palette of North African plants, as well as all the usual paradise island regulars - palms, bougainvilleas, agaves and cacti. And water, of course: in its Islamic mode of mosaic fountains and pools.

Behind it all will be, not a blue tent, but tall, cobalt-blue painted walls. But if this sounds hot and intense, the Cesar Manrique Garden; designed by Peter Styles for Border Stone and Dingle Nurseries, ought to be the hottest spot of all at the show:

Cesar Manrique was an artistic polymath and, until his death in 1992, was the leading artistic light of the Canaries. He worked on his native Lanzarote as artist, sculptor, architect, landscape designer and conservationist, and the garden is to be a celebration of his work as a

huge amount of black-purple volcanic lava has been imported to create an impression of a garden on Lanzarote's rocky shore. There will be Canary island plants, such as the ivy Hedera canariensis, which we use so much here, the yellow canary creeper Tropaeolum canariense (a South American native which now be called T. should peregrinum), the dragon tree Drapalm Phoenix canariensis. But there will be plenty of exotics, too, such as bird of paradise flowers, and prickly pears. Bougainvilleas are being imported for the show from Italy, and the prickly pears

are from Derbyshire. Cemerning together the rocky outcrops will be "lava flows" of bedded coleus, calceolaria and busy lizzies. It might be exciting, it could be pretty corny, but let's wait and see

One thing is for sure — with all those exotic gardens at Chelsea next week, some warmth and sunshine are much needed to set them off at their best. Tents are all very well, but camping - however upmarket - in the pouring rain is no fun at all.

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# Crafty ways to catch the visitor's eye

A blown-glass garden figure, and sheep sculpted in rabbit wire and

steel are among show-stoppers

stand in opposition Chelsea Flower Show. Dramatic new styles sit hedge to hedge with traditional English gardens. but this year's Country Life garden has melded old and new, using the work of young craftsmen and designers set in an informal but traditional garden by one of last year's gold medallists, Rupert Golby.

The most striking feature is a geometric glass figure without facial features, hands or feet, seated on an iron bench in a niche thoughtfully contemplating the garden. As the light changes so does the figure, one moment refracting rainbows, the next mirroring the garden and sending spar-kles of light across it, then

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around like a walking stick.

makes this piece especially unusual is that it is made from blown glass. "It was one of the most difficult pieces I have attempted, says the sculptor Johannes von Stumm. "I had to make bigger tools and build a new furnace. "I have never before exhibit-

ed at Chelsea and until recently I only made pieces for the insides of houses," said Mr von Stumm. "I think that English people are getting more adventurous about sculpture. I always work in glass; it is a solid liquid and it looks good even in snow." His studio is in Wantage, Oxfordshire, but his workshop is in Frome, Somerset, and he plans to bring the Chelsea sculpture, cocooned in blankets, to London in the back of

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Lord Linley with his new-look garden chairs and tables

his old van. Anyone with a spare £3,800 can buy one of a limited edition of eight figures. Rupert Till, at 28, is one of the youngest designers contributing to Chelsea. His wire sculptures of animals decorate many gardens on both sides of the Atlantic. "In a way, I make 'garden gnomes' - I make what people want. I started to

make sculptures of dogs from old pheasant pens and then I would work through the night to make them, market them, take them to all the shows."

This year Mr Hill has also made a herd of five wire sheep for Country Life. "I enjoy the work. The other night there was nothing good on TV so I went to the workshop and made a wire goose', says Mr Till, whose geese sell at £500 each. The herd of sheep can be bought for £5,000. The sculptures are made with strips of rabbit wire welded on to a tough framework of roundbar steel.

Success for Mr Till means he need no longer scrub around for abandoned pheasant pens with which to make his animals; he can afford to buy the materials new.

nother designer new to the garden scene is David Linley, who make his first-ever range of garden furniture, commissioned by Country Life. "It was certainly a new challenge," Lord Linley says. "What amused and intrigued me was what lay ahead in the market for garden furniture.
"We had a year to do the

up hundreds of designs, some of them modern. But then I started looking at the garden furniture that people like -traditional furniture like the Lutyens bench - and decided on a traditional but stocky

All the furniture is made from English oak, oiled to show off the grain and protect it from the weather. The backs of the chairs have "a great swoosh of plants and flowers and life." represented by a fountain-shaped plume of slats. The legs are fluted and the back of the chairs are raked slightly to make them as comfortable as possible.

What sets this furniture apart is its ample dimensions: the chairs are about 27 in wide, 40in high and 2512 in deep. They sell at £2,000 a piece. There are matching dining tables, drinks tables and benches and each piece is stamped with Linley's name.

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Johannes von Stumm in contemplative mood with his glass sculpture, Reflections



Earth-up potatoes and stake peas. Cut shoots of asparagus, except from plants under three years old: sever just below ground level. Pull off unwanted raspberry suckers to give

WEEKEND TIPS

even distribution along the rows and a weedable Space in between. Tuck long, new shoots of previously hardpruned clematis into their supports before they

snap or stray elsewhere. Tie in the shoots of climbing roses as they extend. Bedded tulips may be lifted now and replanted elsewhere to die down. Areas for summer bedding

should be cleared of spring bedding, forked over

and lightly dressed with fertiliser. ■ Watch for and deal with slug damage. May is the best month to apply selective weedkillers on lawns. Choose a fine, still day when the soil is moist.

## Great bonanza

How you could cash in when the show ends

RAPE AND pillage is how one observer describes it. Heartterrible on the last day of Chelsea when the gardens are sold off, torn apart and a lot is dumped into skips," says Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall, an award-winning designer.

So that's that then. After hundreds of thousands of pounds has been poured out, months of preparation, a feverish three weeks spent transforming flat playing fields into perfect show gar dens, it will all come to an end

at 5pm next Friday.
The end-of-show bell is rung and the big sell-off gets under way. The whole lot disappears out of the gates," says Doug Hammond, contracts manager from Pantiles Nursery in Surrey, suppliers to Chelsea designers.

Visitors will happily buy more than they can feasibly carry home and the Friday evening procession from showground to Sloane Square Underground is a scene straight out of Macbeth -Birnam Wood on the move.

· Many of the plants are hired and not in theory for sale but as showgoers are often keen to buy - such is the cachet of owning a plant that has appeared at Chelsea — if the price is right a sale may be possible.

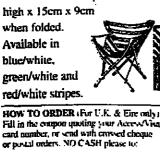
Most of the gardens have been created just for a few glorious days. Country Life and Hiscox Insurance, for example, have splashed out £100,000 on their Centenary Garden and, harring an offer for the whole thing, it will be sold off - everything from bog plants to a limited edition fountain (RRP £8,000).

BUT NOT all gardens meet an undignified end. Charity gar-dens are often planned with a home in mind. Last year, for example, the Marie Curie garden was moved to one of the charity's hospices, while the Low Allergen garden de-signed for the National Asthma Campaign opens next month at its new home, Capel

Manor in Middlesex Julie Toll's 1996 Forest Garden, with its theme of covironmental regeneration. has been appropriately replanted next to a new visitor centre in the National Forest

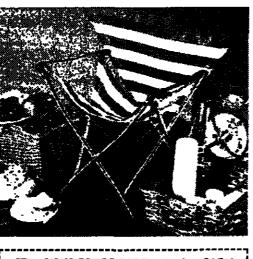
in Derbyshire This year Help the Aged's garden, designed by Andrea Parsons, will be rebuilt at one of the charity's care homes, Little Bramingham Farm in Luton, while DGAA Homelife will be transfering its Bird Garden, designed by Bunny Guinness, to its Merlewood nursing home in Surrey.

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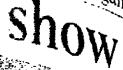
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Rupert Till with his sheep sculptures



Although Sherlock Holmes didn't live here, this 'Jacobethan' house would have suited him. Guy Walters investigates

# Gothic pile with a mystery air

any are the houses that claim to being the location for The Hound of the Baskervilles. In Wales, one property - 2 rather ropey country house hotel has even renamed itself Baskerville Hall, on the most spurious of grounds. It certainly fits the bill, but not as snugly as 9 Collingham, Gardens, London SWS.

Yes, there is the problem that Earl's Court is hardly a fogshrouded moor and dogs are nor allowed in the communal gardens, but one could easily imagine a gaunt butler ushering one up the impressive staircase with a drip-ping candlestick. Sleep well sir. Don't mind the howling.

The house is in the correct period for Holmes and Watson. Built by Harold Peto in about 1883, the property is in the "Jacobethan" style. It feels minor baronial with its leaded lights, five bedrooms, servants quarters, panelled rooms. vast fireplaces, yards of Delft tiles and a downstairs lavatory fit for a visiting maharaja. Nearly all the windows have loth-century stained glass and there is heraldic stonework above the front door.

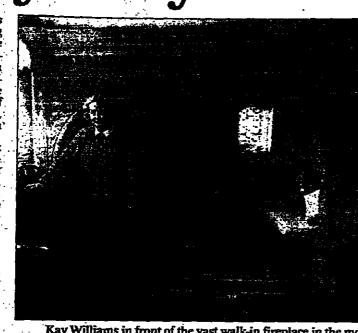
The space is phenomenal for the location. At 4.700 sq ft, one might have expected the house to have been broken down into flats years ago. Luckily, a certain Mrs Dent lived in the house for 60 years until she died in 1984.

When the present owners bought it, the property was like a time capsule from the 1920s. The Survey of London, executed in 1908, describes the house as amply fitting a bachelor's requirements but not extravagant". I wish. I am a bachelor, and my one-bedroom flat in Battersea would easily fit into the 470 sq ft drawing room. The house would be extravagant for a bache-lor, and at £1.75 million, most bachelors I know would rather buy

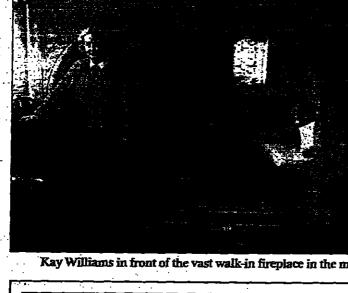
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a river-view penthouse.

This is a house for a family, or a bachelor who needs to keep his girlfriends separate. The owners were away at their other home in Beirut when I visited, and instead the owner's mother, Kay Williams, was summoned from the country to the books have been banished to show me around. What makes the small study of the study is really



Kay Williams in front of the vast walk-in fireplace in the morning room. The house was described in the Survey of London in 1908 as "amply fitting a bachelor's requirements but not extravagant"



The ornate carved stone fireplace in the hall

that the other rooms lack. One can

imagine the owner of the house

No 9 exceptional are the two rooms

on the ground floor. A gargantuan

fireplace dominates the drawing

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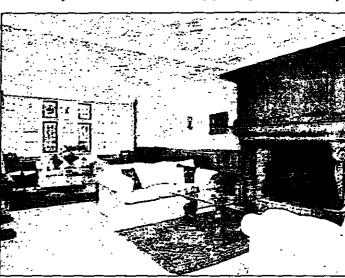
HOUSE OF THE WEEK

 9 Collingham Gardens, Earl's Court, London SW5. ● Price: £1.75 million. Shopping: Earl's Court Road is only a few hundred yards away, with the choice of many excellent takeaways, plus Our Price records and a Waterstone's bookshop. But not far away are High Street Kensington and Fulham Road, with their array of shops and restaurants. There is a huge

Sainsbury's a short cab ride away on the Cromwell Road. . Nightlife: Any owner is unlikely to frequent the gaggle of Australiandominated pubs nearby, but there are some fine restaurants to be found.

◆ Access to the country: Turn left halfway up the nearby Warwick Road and you are more or less on the M4

too small for any serious work - a extracting a certain guest from the computer and a filing cabinet drawing-room to talk business, would take it over.) The morning Godfather-style, in the seclusion of room on the other side of the the walk-in fireplace. The previous panelled hall is a more intimate kitchen was the present utility affair. The beams create a cosiness room - a pokey little thing - and the new kitchen, almost entirely in



The drawing room could host a drinks party for 50 fat people

to be an operating theatre. Just beyond it is a staff bedroom, which would make a far better study. As well as the cellar, there is a dark dining-room, which has been paint-

On the first floor, the present white, is large and clinical enough owners have made a curious choice

for their master bedroom. Of the two bedrooms, they have chosen the smaller, although it still has a walk-in dressing room, a bathroom, and a good view of the communal gardens. The other bedroom - larger and with its own bathroom and roof terrace - is

used by one of the owner's sons and his girlfriend. A bomle of Big Hair" conditioner rather gives the game away. No doubt the owners juggled the merits of terrace and dressingroom for ages and clothing storage won. Both bedrooms have Delftclad fireplaces, and, in contrast to the wooden heaviness of the ground floor, are light and airy.

The second floor is ideal for two or three children, if two of them are docile enough not to mind sharing. The hedrooms are a good size. and there is a smallish open sittingroom which can be used as a "flop room", as well as a bathroom.

However, No 9 has one drawback that might detract many potential purchasers. It has no garden, (Neither is there off-street parking.) There is a patio which is not much bigger than the study. and there is direct access to the communal gardens, but this is a real gripe. If this is to be a family house, or a house for those who love entertaining, then a garden is essential. Perhaps the house would suit a bachelor after all.

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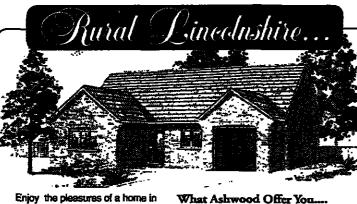


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O level in woodwork, Nigel Williamson

built a room for his books in grand style

because my only relevant experience was a solitary term's woodwork when I was II. This had produced a teapot stand that wobbled alarmingly, because the doverail joints failed to

My research consisted not of reading DIY manuals but of visiting the National Trust properties at Chartwell in Kent and Batemans in Sussex, and making a study of the extensive libraries of Churchill and Kipling. While other visitors examined the titles that had inspired the great men. I was busy inspecting the carpentry and calculating the length, width and depth of the shelves. My room was somewhat smaller and scaling-down was necessary but, if you are going to use a model. I decided to make it a grand one.

The plan that was eventually

The plan that was eventually formulated was simplicity itself eight rows of books between floor and ceiling, shelves individually bracketed to the wall and upright planks fixed with nails and screws at intervals of three feet. Anything longer and you risk shelves sagging in the middle under the weight. A deeper bottom shelf, jutting out an additional eight inches, created an extra surface for treasured objects such as the whisky decanter—another idea borrowed from the library at Chartwell.

I built shelves around the door frame, creating an impressive boxed in effect that surpassed the picture in even my most optimistic mind's eye. The light switch was accommodated with an open shelf. There was a difficult moment when I came to the first corner, but a simple piece of openelling safely negotiated that potential hazard. The problem of topping and tailing the stacks was resolved by using lengths of skirting beaut — theap but effective. Al-



Nigel Williamson in the library he built in a spare room. "It now contains almost 4,000 volumes"

though there was a lot of sawing of timber, the best news was that there was no need to re-live the horrors of the school woodwork room, because no proper joints were required.

After six weekends of hard labour and £500 worth of timber and materials, the room was surrounded by almost 300 feet of pine shelving. The wood looked far too bright and new but two coats of a mahogany stain transformed it into something with which Kipling or Churchill would have been more comfortable.

Unfortunately, when the books were added (of course, there still wasn't room for them all, so the bookcases remain in the bedrooms) they emphasised the fact that one or two shelves — all right, half a dozen — were not in perfect alignment. It was only a case of a millimetre or so, but it showed. Adding lengths of a wooden moulding to the edges of the

shelves disguised the imperfections and enhanced the stylishness. The study now contains almost 4,000 volumes arranged in my own idiosyncratic system. Since it was finished I have been on a guided tour of the much-maligned new British Library at St Pancras in central London. I thought it was magnificent and, in retrospect, I might have incorporated a few ideas. But perhaps those of us without even a woodwork O level should not get

I furnished my room in the way I had always dreamt. Since doing so I have hardly spent a waking moment in the rest of the house.

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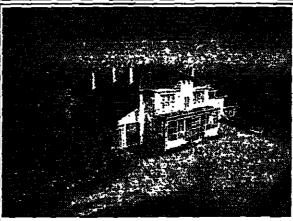
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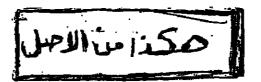
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## If you're trying to buy or sell a house, the choice of solicitor could make all the difference, says Faith Glasgow

# Is your lawyer a liability?

uying and selling property is notoriously stressful. It usually involves an interminable string of phone calls to find out what should be happening, why it isn't and when it will. In a busy market the whole process becomes even more fraught, as buyers feel the hot breath of the competition on their necks and vendors see their own purchases evaporating as the sale is delayed.

But price wrangles, structural hitches and boundary disputes aside, the waiting game is largely a consequence of the legal process of conveyancing — and if you land yourself with an incompetent or overworked lawyer, your interests will suffer, whether you are buying

Estate agents, traditionally the target of most customers' frustration, are keen to point out the difference that a good — or bad solicitor can make to a transaction. Colin Forbes, at Chesterfield in London, cites a couple of nightmare examples: "I know of a situation where the buyer's and the vendor's solicitors worked in the same building, yet the deal was being delayed; it turned out that instead of walking up a flight of stairs to exchange correspondence, they were posting letters to each other — second class."

In another instance, a contract race where speed counted for everything, the contract was put in the in-tray of the wrong partner, who was on holiday. By the time the paperwork was located, someone else had bought the house.

Bob Rixon at the Homebuyers' Advisory Service, says: "Solicitors have no sense of urgency. Everything needs to be in writing, so they'll write the letter, then sit back and wait for the reply and it's a question of how long they leave it

before they chase it up." Oonagh Alen-Buckley, a Londonbased conveyancing solicitor, argues that fax and e-mail are

lawyers are shy of the phone. When they could make a fiveminute call they write a letter and you get it two days later."

Michael Brandon, of Jackson

Stops & Staff in Chichester, says: "Speed is of the essence. When someone agrees to buy a place, they have usually got their own under offer at an advanced stage, or else the money is sitting in the bank."

This is all well and good in a straightforward deal, but in a lengthy chain, the process can slow down enormously — no matter how effective your solicitor — simply because of the number of surveyors, agents, lawyers (and buyers and sellers) involved.

onetheless, the period between verbal acceptance of an offer and legally binding ex-change of contracts is full of danger, so the pressure is on for timescales to shorten. Ms Alen-Buckley says: "There is increasing demand to complete within two to three weeks. If the solicitor is aware of the timescale involved from the outset, he will ensure that the transaction is given priority."

Ivor Dickinson, at the London agent Douglas & Gordon, says buyers and sellers can bring mishaps on themselves by choosing the wrong firm. "It is natural for firsttime buyers to instruct the family solicitor. But my heart sinks when I hear that Joe Muggins from Cornwall is acting, because they are not conveyancing specialists and they are not familiar with London. They ask questions which might be relevant for a Cornish estate but are inappropriate for property in London. A locally based specialist will have bought and sold other houses on that street, they il be dealing with the council regularly; they'll know about quirks in an estate lease and so on.

Deryck Highet, the north west residential director of Black Horse agencies, agrees. "A local solicitor



will know the general timescale for searches, and whether they are running slow; he'll also know, for example, if a mining search is required in the area."

Personal recommendation is one route to a competent solicitor but reputable agents should be able to supply a shortlist of lawyers they deal with regularly and satisfactorily. Sellers — for whom the estate agent is acting — often stick with the firm through which they bought, but David Bedford of Bedfords in East Anglia says that if it is one with which he has had frustrating or inefficient experi-"and one or two are downright negligent" - he may suggest an alternative. "A local

firm is even more important for buyers," he says, "especially those coming from out of town."

Could this amount to estate agents scratching the backs of their legal chums? "Solicitors don't reward agents for referrals," Mr Dickinson says, "but it's in everyone's interests if we recommend certain firms. They are familiar with us; they look after us because we put business their way, so the

deal will go through quickly.

Ms Alen-Buckley says: "The role
of the estate agent is seen by more and more solicitors as smoothing the path in the transaction but many agents find dealing with solicitors an uphill struggle. It is

through on the phone and their calls are rarely returned.

"A good solicitor will be sensitive to the client's need to know what's going on but a good estate agent will know when to leave the ball in the lawyer's court. Again, familiarity can make all the difference."

owever, it is a mistake to make finance a priority in selecting a lawyer. Deryck Highet points out that fees vary and while you could pay as little as £175-£200 or as much as £400, "does an extra £50 on your legal bill make much difference if you're getting a good job done? We recommend solicitors with reasonable charges, but most

importantly we know they do a thorough job,\*

And be warned: paying through

the nose does not guarantee top-notch treatment. Mr Dickinson warns against going to large London firms simply because they have familiar names. Not only will you pay over the odds, but you will be a small fish in a big and busy pond. "Have you ever been in a major solicitor's office? Their in-trays can be four feet high and your contract could be at the bottom."

One useful development for solicitors, designed to streamline and speed up the whole process of buying and selling, comes from the Law Society. Known as Trans-

#### FACT FILE

GOOD solicitors will prepare as much paperwork as possible as soon as they are instructed that a where the title deeds are held, so that the solicitor can apply for them. Where a mortgage is involved, you will need the roll number and account nam Flat owners should hand ov the last three years' service ground rent receipt, a copy of the buildings insurance policy and schedule of cover, details of the landlord and managing agents.

House and flat owners need to Be prepared to complete a Seller's Property Information Form, which requests further details about the property.

Deal with all paperwork thoroughly and promptly.

Buyers: if you are worried about specific issues such as bridlepaths or rights of way, let bridepaths or rights of way, let your lawyer know at the outset.

If you're buying jointly, nominate a spokesman rather than both independently badgering the solicitor (and agent) for the same information.

If time is of the essence, agree a time rest with the other party.

a timescale with the other party at the outset — but be prepared to pay your lawyer over the odds for priority treatment.

B Don't be afraid of your lawyer. At the outset, have him explain what should happen and when; expect to be updated, phone for news if you haven't heard and news if you haven't heard and chivvy if agreed timescales are in danger — but remember, conveyancing is a slow process.

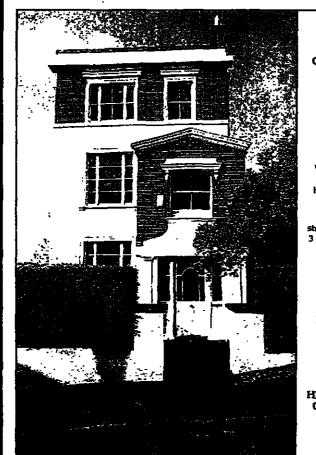
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sive package of the deeds and precontract inquiries which are pre-pared at the outset. (A search initiated by the vendor rather than the buyer may also be included when the market is moving briskly. though vendor searches were

dropped during the recession when houses were taking a year to sell, as they became out of date.

According to Neil Gower at the Law Society the idea is that the standardised forms that only contain the basic details needed by the buyer, but also eliminate confusing extraneous information — in other words, that house purchase be-comes a formula "It's already quite widely used, but it will come into its



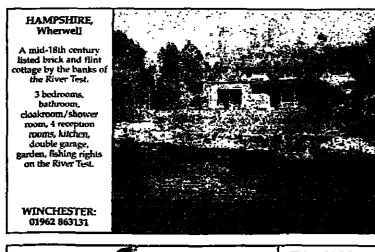
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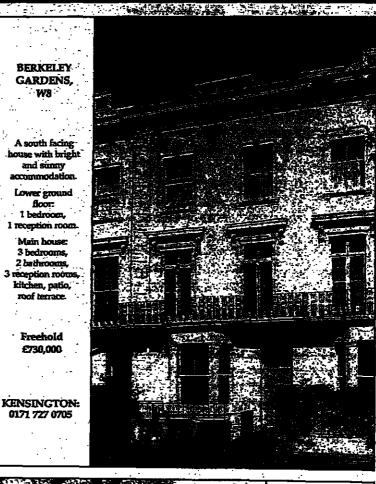
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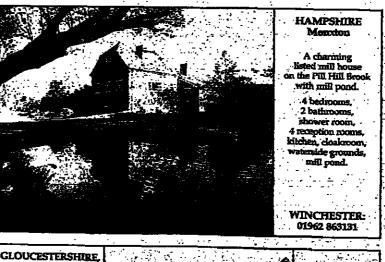
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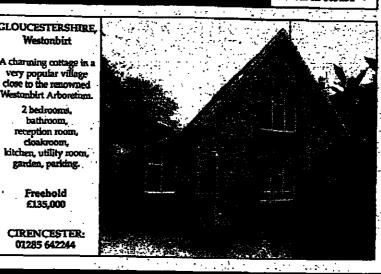
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## 'Now that the political landscape has been settled, let's vote on the real landscape - and elect farmers and landowners every five years'

f it was said once, it was said a thousand times: "The political landscape of Britain has changed." Fine. Now let's set about the real landscape. Now that we have realised that by voting out the old and electing the new we can boost the mood of the nation overnight, why not apply the same principle to the countryside, also in desperate need of reform and revitalisation?

I have a radical proposal to make: I propose that farmers and landowners should stand for election every five years. If they win, they get their land back. If they lose, it's thank you and goodbye.

Think about it: why should they not be forced to show themselves in public and explain their policies for producing sufficient food, safeguarding the land-scape, keeping the balance of nature? And if they fall in their promises, why should they not be kicked out?

For most country dwellers, farmers and landowners wield an influence as powerful as any that comes from Westminster. They are leading employers of local labour, owners of housing, sculptors of the landscape, sole keepers of the wildlife, prime producers of food. Their power over the countryside makes

## Up the poll: reform our countryside

an ordinary MP seem impotent. What is Loonies - last time more, farmers are always moaning that they are misunderstood. Well, let them come out every five years, get on the soapbox on the village green and see if they can convince their own neighbours that they are fit and proper people to be carrying the dual burdens of feeding us, and carring for our countryside.

This idea came to me a few weeks ago travelling along the trunk roads of Britain while the general election cam-paign was in its crescendo. In our part of arable East Anglia, election posters appeared in the fields like bright blue weeds; an apt description of some of the people they were inviting us to vote for. Nothing wrong with that in the name of democracy. I too can put a sticker in the kitchen window and a placard by the front gate. The difference is that whereas you can wander around a village, see the signs and know who put them there twhy, old Mrs Middleton in the council houses is supporting the Monster Raving she was all for the Yogic flyers; must be her ankles playing up), the passer-by has no knowledge of the individual who allows posters in the fields — if, · indeed, they are individuals: much farmland is owned by "institutions". I could take you to a farm

close to here where, if

you asked to see the landowner, you'd be directed to Salt Lake City: it is owned by the Mormon Church. There are other farms where, if you wished to complain about mud on the roads at sugar beet lifting time, you would have to catch the train to the City of London and seek out the pension funds. Of course, you would have to turn up with a plump rabbit

wrapped in a news-paper, freshly shot **DOWN TO EARTH** 



on their own land, to remind them what landowning is all If an elected land-

ownership achieved anything, it would at least flush out the faceless ones so that we could tell them what we think of the way they husband our landscape, and quiz them on their plans for the next five

years. Having said this, I sense farmers bridling, the hairs rising on the backs of their necks, their heads lowered like bulls about to charge. Well, before you cut me down with your horns, let me say that in most cases I have no doubt that existing farmers would be returned to their land. Most farmers have a lousy balancing act

to perform between making a living, nodding in the direction of conservation, grappling with the whims of European directives, clearing up the mess picnickers leave in gateways, shutting gates behind thoughtless walkers and dealing with retards who walk unschooled dogs in fields of sheep. To these heroes, I apologise. You have my vote.

ut there are others who would not have such an easy time on the hustings. Not far from here, an entire village is living in fear that an incoming landowner is going to grub out hedges which have surrounded the village since medieval times. He has done it before, but they are his hedges and he can do it again if he wants. They cannot stop him. Others, bigger landowners, are planning equally dirty tricks. such as selling beloved views for super-

markets or gravel pits. There are any number of people living in rural Britain today who would like

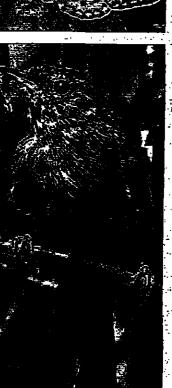
manifestos published on what will happen to the landscape they love. Many more would like firm promises on how the volumes of applied chemicals are to be reduced, the nitrate levels in water controlled, the quality of food guaranteed, and animal husbandry reformed so that mad cow disease will never happen

If you think these are matters for central Government and not for individual farmers, you are wrong. A farmer who gets out of bed in a bad mood can do a lot of damage in a single day. He might think twice if, in five years' time, he has to stand up in the village hall and explain

why the ancient oak wood had to go. Of course, this might sound fanciful and you will have to excuse me but, like so many others. I have been embraced by the new spirit of openness in the air; an apparent willingness to overturn secre-tive, corrupt old ways and to foster accountability. But might not the farmers and landowners we never see, the faceless ones, occasionally show their faces above the remaining hedge, please, and explain what they're doing and why they are doing it . . . Just so that sometimes we

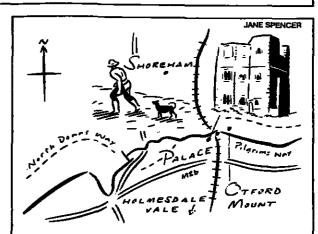
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The fire on Trendlebert Down in Devon destroyed gorse and heather and threatened wildlife, including the high brown fritillary (top left) and the dartford warbler (bottom left)



#### ON THE SPOT: OTFORD MOUNT, KENT

Rural recommendations

The place: The footpath at the top of Otford Mount, near Sevenoaks in Kent.

The view: Southwest, the vale of Holmesdale; northwest, the chalk downs and the setting of the 19th-century painter Samuel Palmer's Valley of Vision.

The appeal: Bird's eye view of Otford, stomping ground of my teens and twenties, home of my first love.

Aficionados: Those who would have wings, and walkers. Historical interest: Site of the 1945 VE-Day beacon. The Pilgrim's Way runs west-east at the foot of the hill. Offord's ruined palace was once home to archbishops Warham and Cranmer, then Henry VIII, who found it too "rewmatike". Time of the day/year: Preferably morning, when the sun is behind you. In spring bluebells carpet adjacent woods. How to get there: By train from London, Victoria, or from

Sevenoaks by train or bus. OS Reference: 533603 (Landranger 188). Also nearby: The North Downs Way, Shoreham and lots w the footpaths to Romn where the Fox and Hounds will revitalise tired limbs.

IAN STUPPLES

## Green shoots of hope among the ashes

from Teignmouth, you can see it from miles away across the lush Devon meadows, with their cattle and dragonflies: a black peak breaking the line of the horizon. This is Trendlebere Down, which went up in flames on April 7. flames on April 7.

The blaze was almost certainly started by an arsonist. It began on the B3344, the road along the Dartmoor crest between Bovey Tracey and Manaton. Everything was dry after the drought, and the fire swept down the valley called Trendlebere Combe, leapt across the bog at the bottom, and soared up the opposite hillside out on to the heath. Two square miles of gorse and heather were reduced to a black crust.

This was probably the worst of the fires that have ravaged British heaths and moors this spring. But there have been many others, including a serious one in the middle of Dartmoor, another that devastated 1,000 acres of heather in west Cornwall and wrecked several sites of special scientific interest, one near Broadmoor in Berkshire and one that spread to woodland on the Isle of Wight. They have all posed a grave threat to wildlife, including scarce species such as the dartford warbler, the red squirrel and many butterflies and orchids.

I walked into Trendlebere Combe with Phil Page, the south Devon site manager for English Nature, which now owns the Down. The bleak, black hillsides rose high on either side of us. There was one small paich high up with a faint flush of green on it, where tiny shoots of bracken and grass were coming through. This, ironically enough, was where there had been a burnt patch before the fire and consequently there was nothing to burn, so the underground bracken rhizomes had been passed over and survived.

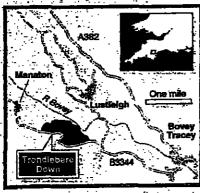
These hillsides, now so silent, had been alive six weeks before with the song of dartford warblers, linnets and stonechats. The gorse had been a mass of yellow flowers and the grass was carpeted with violets. The caterpillars of a rare butterfly, the high brown fritillary, had been leeding among the violets and by now these handsome orange butterflies would have been flying over the heather:

Along the valley bottom where we were walking we found the only sign left of life - a few pink lousewort flowers among the sphagnum moss in the boggy patches,

and a solitary bluebell on the path. We went back to the road on the crest and stood at the edge of the devastated area beyond Trendlebere Combe. It stretched like a black desert across to a distant valley, where the brilliant green foliage of some beech crees was like a mocking backdrop. Thirty-fire engines from all round the countryside came to

**Derwent May** visits a silent Devon beauty spot devastated by fire and finds that life is returning to the

scorched land



put out the fire, some from as far away as Barnstaple and Cullompton. One fireman. Mike Steer, found a roasted mallard's egg intact in the ashes. Now just a few sheep graze on some thin grass at the edge of the devastation.

English Nature also owns Yarner Wood, a stretch of woodland down below the moor, where Mr Page has his house and his office, and we went back there to look at the pied flycatchers in the trees and talk about the implications of this fire.

English Nature only bought the Down two years ago and spent much of last year starting to cut firebreaks between the gorse. A special tractor had to be brought in to cope with the steep hillsides of the Combe. The work had been scheduled to resume the day after the fire.

Dartmoor graziers have fired the gorse and heather since time immemorial, so fresh areas of grass would spring up from the ash for their cattle, sheep and ponies (none of which was harmed by this particular fire since it did not involve land used for grazing). The graziers still have an ill-defined right to carry out burning on the common land, and attempts to reach, agreement with them are not always successful. English Nature sets fire to limited areas from time to time in order to prevent the gorse growing too dense and to sustain the heath's character. Mr Page thinks this tradition of fires lies. in part behind the vandalism. It is somehow a "done thing" on the moor, and to do it for fun does not seem so heinous to

the perpetrators.

However, controlled burning must go on, and what is immediately important is to reach agreements with the graziers. Another dry summer almost certainly stretches ahead, and more fires of this order could leave the heathlands of

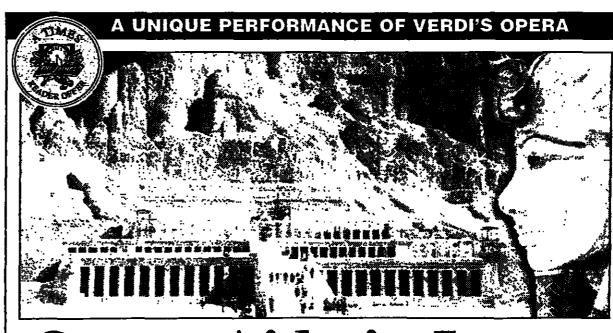
Britain in a sorry state. There have already been several other, smaller fires on Dartmoor during this dry spring, but Trendlebere Down was by far the most destructive for years. Normally a burnt area will be resuming its former appearance after two or three years, but it is difficult to predict the future for an area which has been so badly afflicted.

It is still uncertain how much life survives underground. Some bracken will probably come up, and perhaps a little sap survives in such gorse stumps as still stand wanly here and there. The purple moor grass, or molinia, is much more deeply affected, and it may be necessary to resow much of the heather. The heather and grass are the home of lizards and adders, many of which must have been killed by the fire. As for the butterflies, the prospect is grim, unless a few larvae survived on the fringes of the fire and could start a population off again.

The birds will probably come back when the vegetation does. The stonechats and dartford warblers and linnets were just beginning to nest on the Down, and this year's breeding season but most will have escaped and Mr Page believes they have moved to unaffected parts of the moor. In particular, he has noticed greater concentrations of linnets in some areas and these may even have a chance of nesting again this year, since they are a communal nesting rather than a territori-al species. Established stonechats and dartford warblers would, however, try to keep newcomers out of their territories.

e went to one stretch of gorseland, with small birches and pines, at the edge of Yarner Wood. This was what the Down would have been like without the fire. Stonechats were chattering on high gorse sprays, a whitethroat singing, a tree pipit soaring up from a pine tree

and parachuting down again. We got one glimpse of the long tail of a dartford warbler as it shot over the gorse tops and dived down out of sight. A buzzard rose from a clearing among some birch trees and gave us spectacular views as it circled round, trying to gain height. Even here there was a small burnt area -but this was one English Nature had cleared deliberately for natural regeneration. Suddenly a female stonechat flew down and started feeding on the black surface. Obviously there was some minute insect life even here. Life to feed life - a symbol of hope among the ashes.



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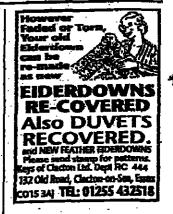
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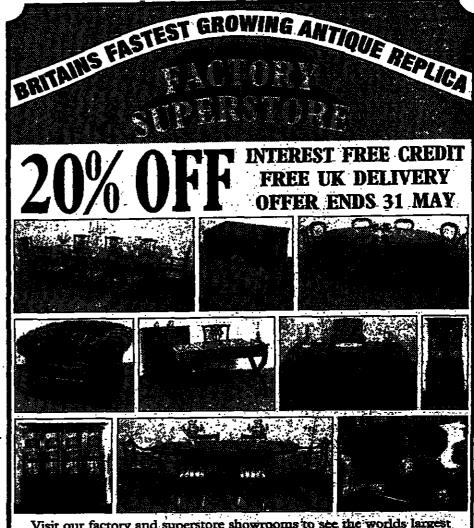
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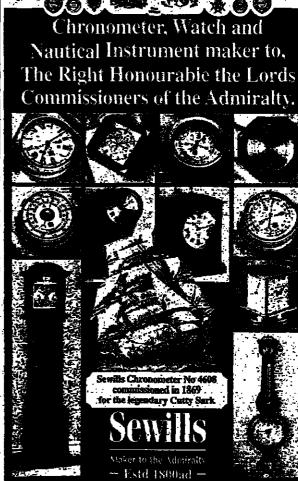
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The traditional dacha is under threat as developers and gangsters turn villages and forests into building sites. Richard Beeston reports

# Invasion of the New Russians

ike a slumbering for-est creature awoken from a long winter hibernation by the first hint of spring, Aleksandr Subbotin sniffed the May breeze outside his dacha and scuttled about his garden in

There is so much to do," he said, surveying his property with pride and contentedly calculating the hours of work ahead. There is the cleaning and redecorating to be done on the inside and, of course, the crops must be planted in the

Although his plans might seem grand for a rickety wooden bungalow and its

modest patch of ground, which realistically can only be expected to yield a few vegeta-bles, his emotions are shared by millions of Russians across this vast country during springtime.

In a timeless seasonal routine, workers and millionaires alike head off into the countryside in a mass migration to escape the cramped living conditions of the cities, and in some cases to plant the potatoes that will provide their lifeline for the coming winter.

However, the entire dacha way of life is now under threat. Property developers, gangsters and corrupt officials are conspiring to turn villages.



The dacha has come to symbolise freedom from the state

forests and fields into huge construction sites.

We have gone from a time when everything was forbid-den to a time where everything is allowed, said a Moscow planning official, whose department is unable to keep up with the sudden construction boom which spreads 60 miles in every direction out of the

In contrast to the traditional wood-framed dachas, which blended into the abiquitous birch forests, the new country homes, called "kottezhi", are not intended to be discreet. Built usually in red brick and adorned with mock-Gothic towers, the vulgar edifices are deliberately designed to show off the wealth of their owners. At Zhukovka, the most prestigious area around Moscow where pop stars and government ministers rub shoulders in the village market, the transformation is almost

Andrei Konachenkov, a property developer, explained: People want quality housing and they are prepared to pay for it." As he spoke, his team of workmen were putting the finishing touches to three prefabricated houses in the garden of a former wooden dacha, which in turn was being dismantled unceremoniously log by log to make way for benches and an outdoor

Although his project was more modest than most, he could still expect to rent his three-bedroom Swedish-designed suburban homes for about £6,000 a month, a bargain in an area where most

huxury homes fetch £15,000.

Not surprisingly, the building boom and the invasion of the "New Russians" into the conservative world of country life has led to an explosive culture clash.

Villagers in tight-knit communities find themselves cut off from their new neighbours by high walls and security guards. There have even been cases of new dachas being



Idyll from the past: the evocative dacha atmosphere, used by Chekhov in plays such as The Seagull, above, is threatened by new entrepreneurs

torched, presumably by local arsonists angered by the invasion of their communities.

Cases of rural gangsterism have even emerged. An acquaintance of mine, who bought a plot of land beside a river, was accosted by his neighbour as he made building plans for his country home. "If you send any workmen out here, expect to get them back in a bag," said the man. "Your house will block my view of the water."

Unusually for Russia, the incident was resolved peacefully when the neighbour agreed to buy the plot of land and avoid what could have become a blood feud.

At my own dacha, which I share with colleagues in the village of Mozhinka, 30 miles

outside Moscow, the tensions between old and new, rich and poor, are palpable.

The area was originally set aside in communist days for senior members of the Academy of Sciences. Today it is divided among elderly physicists, who walk their dogs and tend their gardens, and the new arrivals, who can be glimpsed momentarily as they race down the tiny village street in foreign sports cars and into the safety of their

walled compounds. Some in Russia fear the advent of the new dachas will destroy a way of life and turn the landscape into what one critic described as "Mad Max goes to suburbia". But others contend that the country is big enough for all tastes.

A recent study estimated that about 25 million people in the Moscow region alone owned land in the countryside. Indeed, the community is so

large that during last summer's presidential elections, the authorities had to reschedule polling day for midweek because they feared the "dachniki" would not bother to return to the city to vote on one of their cherished weekends. Whether it is a small log cabin with a communal well

and an outdoor lavatory, or a sprawling new villa, the dacha is considered something of a birthright by Russians, who depend on their summers in the country to re-establish their roots with the land.

Numerous Russian writers and artists have evoked the

theme to explore the inner workings of the Russian soul. Anton Chekhov used the evocative dacha atmosphere as the backdrop to all his plays. Boris Pasternak relied on his simple country home at the village of Peredelkino, outside Moscow, to inspire his writing.

he serenity of dacha life was probably best captured on film by Nikita Mikhailkov's Oscar-winning Burnt by the Sun, which depicts a perfect Russian summer's day in the country, until the hero is led away from his dacha by Stalin's secret police in the final wrenching scene.

"In Russia, which has always been totalitarian, the dacha has come to symbolise

freedom of action and privacy," said Nikolai Klimontovich in a recent commentary for the Kommersant Daily newspaper. It is synonymous with stable family life and security against peril - which in Russia means security from the state."

The revolution taking place in the countryside, he went on to argue, was the obvious reaction of a generation of Russians brought up in communal flats and hostels, who finally had the opportunity to build the house of their dreams. "For the New Russians the dacha remains the subconscious symbol of freedom," he wrote. "We should not destroy them. They are a reflection of our natural mentality."

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f you have never seen a ferret you would be forgiven for thinking they are small, smelly savages ready to sink their sharp teeth into you at a moment's notice. You could not be further from the truth.

Ferreis are becoming a popular domestic pet and, according to Mary Neale of the National Ferret Welfare Society, they are affectionate creatures, each with a distinctive personality. She says they make excellent pets although she does admit they are not suitable for very young children. The ferret is as much at risk from the children as the other way round. But she is quick to add that she would not trust very young children with any animal: "It's not fair on either the child or the

NFWS. Ms Neale is happy to offer advice to anyone considering taking on a ferret as a pet. "There are three things I say to people who want to keep ferrets." she says. "First, buy a good book on the subject." The NFWS recommends The Complete Book of Ferrets by Val Porter and Nicholas Brown, known as the ferret owner's bible and full of useful tips and information.

Second, it is important to talk to local vets before taking on a ferret. "Not all vets have seen a ferret and in some cases

## They make surprisingly affectionate and fun-loving domestic pets — but beware, ferrets are also expert escapologists. Brendan Martin reports

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And third, ferrets should be obtained only from a reputable source such as a local Ferret Welfare Society or a recognised breeder. That, according to the NFWS, is the only way of ensuring you get a healthy animal.

"The important thing you want to know is that if things don't work out, the person supplying the ferret will take it back," Ms Neale says. There are associations all

over the country and the NFWS will supply a list of members as well as a free hooklet advising on all aspects of ferret ownership.

Dick Nutt, although a countryman at heart who likes to work his ferrets and share the spoils of a rabbit hunt with them, agrees on the creature's suitability as a domestic pet. He owned his first ferret when he was eight years old.

Mr Nutt, who lives near Warminster. says people should not take on a ferret if they do not have time to play with the animal. Ferrets are not only loving animals, they also crave affection. They love human company and will



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Lifespan: up to ten years (older ones have been known).
Breeding season: Mainly March-August.

playfully sit on your shoulder as you go about the house.

cage that cannot be bitten through. Chicken wire, for Éscapology is an activity example, will not keep a determuch loved by ferrets and promined ferret confined for long. "A strong rabbit hutch set on concrete is ideal," Ms Neale spective owners are advised to invest in a sturdy wire mesh

advises, "otherwise they dig into the ground and escape." The ferrets' sense of fun and desire to investigate their surroundings means they spend much of their time burrowing - or ferreting. Make sure your home has no areas such as small holes near heating or ventilation ducts that a ferret can get through. Even an innocent-looking couch can be a danger if there is a hole in it.

perilous one. errets are carnivorous. and contrary to popuand contrary to popular belief, do drink water, but there are still some people who believe the animals can live on bread and milk. Where do they think a wild polecat finds bread and milk in its natural

An adventure among the

environment?" Ms Neale asks. Mr Nutt feeds his 14 ferrets on a mix of meat and pellets made by James Wellbeloved. the pet food manufacturer. It is available from most large perfood shops. Dried cat biscuits are also a good source of food for ferrets as they contain the right proteins and vitamins; but wet cat food does not Mr Nutt also advises adding some roughage to the ferret's diet in the form of frozen day-old chicks. A misconception the NFWS

keen to dispel is the belief that ferrets have to be allowed to breed. Mr Nutt argues that this is nonsense: "All a careful owner has to do is take the ferret out of season'. In other words, have the ferret neutered by spaying the female [also known as a jill] or castrating the male [or hob]." "Jill jabbing", a hormone

injection, is a temporary solution administered by a vet which acts as a contraceptive when the female is in season. Unneutered hobs advertise their availability by giving off

springs and foam can be a a strong odour during the mating season, which lasts from March to May. Castration puts an end to the smell and the mistaken belief that ferrets give off an unpleasant whiff all year round.

The biggest misconception Ms Neale and Mr Nutt both agree, is the animal's legendary bite. Neither denies the sharpness of a ferrer's teeth but both are at pains to point

out that bites are rare. The ferret only bites when provoked, a feature common to most animals. "If treated properly they are not vicious."
Mr Nutt says, readily admitting that he has had his fair share of bites during the 44 years he has kept ferrets. "But what I have found is that it is usually my own fault."

Freddie, my two-year-old dachshund, has a retained testicle. My vet says she should operate to remove the retained one because it is likely to become cancerous when Freddie gets older. She wants to neuter him at the same time. I am not averse to this because he can behave in an embarrassing way. I am told the operation will be more complicated and risky in Freddie's case compared to a normal neutering. What should I do? What are the chances of cancer? A Tumours occur more of-

ten in retained testicles than those in the proper place. Sometimes an acute emer-

gency can arise when a re-tained testicle rotates and, in twisting round, cuts off its own blood supply. But thousands of cryptorchids (both retained) or monorchids (one mis-placed, like Freddie) live to a ripe old age without anything going wrong. There is a tiny risk with any operation, no matter how simple. If Freddie is operated on now, he is young and fit and, while it is a big operation, it is not an emergency that has to be done in a hurry. If Freddie's overexuberant behaviour is a problem - which implies he is a frustrated dog — then neutering has a lot to commend it. It

My friend tells me her cat has been fitted with a contact leas. Is she pulling my leg or are they used for animals as well as humans?

s your decision, but your vet advises it and I would be inclined to say the same:

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I have adopted two Ditches, a three-year-old labrador and a four-year-old retriever. Before I had them they lived outside and have never been house-trained. After two months they still wet and mess most nights. I have tried changing the meal times, taking them out late. giving treats on the odd night they are clean, but there is little improvement. Have you any suggestions?

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JAMES ALLCOCK Write to The Times Vet.

PHRED (right), the tabby and white cat who survived the IRA bomb attack on Docklands last year, has made a full recovery. He would suit a home with a large garden and several other cats but no children. Contact the Cats Protection League, Barnjet Shelter. Cuttinglye Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH10 4LR (01342 712387).



SOPHIE (right) is a three year old tortoiseshell cat who is independent, friendly and affectionate. She would suit a mature household as she does not get on with young children. Contact Wood Green Animal Shelter, Kings Bush Farm, London Road, Godmanchester, Huntingdon. Cambridgeshire PE18 8LJ (01480 830014).



SASHA (left) is a 14-month old border collie who was born deaf. She is a responsive and intelligent dog who would suit a family without young children because of the need for clear signals. Contact the Leicester and Leicestershire Animal Aid Association, Elmwood Farm Forest Road, Huncote Leicester LE9 6LE (07455 888257).



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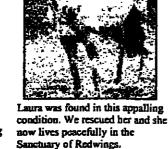


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## Must children be labelled selfish and anti-social just because they don't have siblings? Adrian Mourby explores the parents' dilemma



Only child Thomas Cole, "He complains about not having any brothers or sisters when playing football," says his mother, Cathy. "The rest of the time he's glad he doesn't have to share"

# Well, he is an only child

ll children are caps ble of behaving selfishly or of wanting the limelight. Yet if the infant who is hogging all the attention or having a tantrum, happens to lack brothers or sisters, his parents may find him doubly condemned in the eyes of many people. The phrase an "Only One" is frequently spoken with a sad shake of the head as if it's the stigma of an habitual sinner and the root all anti-social behaviour.

Cathy and Mostyn Cole are aware of this with their son, Thomas, aged eight. "We went, on holiday a little while back with some friends," Mrs Cole says. "One day Thomas was making a fuss because our friends' children wouldn't play football with him, and I heard the other parents referring to him as petulant. Now, I'm sure he was being petulant but' the other children were getting into a state as well. But the thing is, because Thomas was an only child it was his bad behaviour that was singled out and commented on."

The Coles, who live in Penarth, South Wales, intended to have more children butafter Thomas was born Mrs Cole, who works for Welsh National Opera, suffered two miscarriages and so they accepted that it was unlikely Thomas would ever have any brothers or sisters. "What I object to is the way other people feel quite free to comment on this," Mrs Cole says. Nobody ever asks. Why did you decide to have two or three children? But if you have only one you get asked, 'Oh, didn't want any more? or Couldn't you have any more?" And there was a time, certain ly after the miscarriages and all the grief, when I found that





benefit from is his parents'

time and attention. Although

in his fifties. Mr Cole frequent-

ly plays football at the end of a

day in the classroom. "Often

I'm really too tired but I think,

'Well if I don't play with Thomas, no one else will'."

complains about not having

any brothers or sisters," Mrs

Cole says. "The rest of the time

he says it would be boring. I

think he doesn't like the idea of

having to share his bedroom.

Mrs Pierce also spends a lot of her time playing with her

He's very territorial about it.'

daughter but, in their case,

living in the country has

meant that it is difficult for

Rachel to see school friends

unless an adult is willing to

deliver and collect. "I'm aware

that Rachel doesn't get the

kind of spontaneous games

that two children dream up

together." Mrs Pierce says.

for things we can do together.

but I think Rachel is a very

imaginative child. She makes

her own entertainment, telling

long stories to her dolls. She

That's the only time he

Although Thomas, left, benefits from Cathy and Mostyn's undivided time and attention, they deny he is spoilt

kind of question harrowing. Even today I don't see why I have to justify myself." Unlike the Coles, Barbara

Pierce chose to have only one child. She and her husband Guy live in a restored farmhouse above the Wye Valley in Gloucestershire. "Guy, an only child, wanted a huge family, but I'd been the middle one of three and hated it," Mrs Pierce says. "I used to daydream about someone discovering that actually I was adopted and that my real parents wanted me back and when I got to their home there wouldn't be any others. Just me, no squabbling over toys. no fighting for my parents' attentions but, best of all, no jealousy. It seemed blissful and I used to vow that I would never put any child of mine through all that.

When we married, children was one of the things we had long discussions about. Fortunately Guy agreed with me in the end and I don't think he has regretted it."

The Pierces' daughter, Rachel, is six, and her mother has returned to teaching part-time.
"I'm so aware that a lot of

children's literature is full of maladjusted Only Ones," Mrs Pierce says. There's George from The Famous Five, who's a real oddity until she meets Julian, Dick and Anne. And Colin from The Secret Garden, who is helped by Dickon and Martha Sowerby. It's always the same only children are spoilt and selfish and can't relate to the real world until they encounter a happy, healthy band of siblings and learn about life from them. Of course, these stories were written at a time when you were supposed to produce lots of kids so that the Empire could be expanded. Nowadays that's irresponsible, but we still get all the propaganda

oushed at us." Like Mrs Pierce, the Coles reject the suggestion that hav-ing their undivided attention has spoilt Thomas, although they admit he has something of a charmed life. As his father puts it. "If he asks for something from the shops we don't have to weigh up all the time, Well, if you have that your brother and sister will have to have something and it'll all be too expensive." "But, if any-

thing," Mrs Coles says, "that's made Thomas more generous himself. He's always giving things to older children just because he likes them. And he's terribly concerned for us. too. When Mostyn went into hospital recently Thomas made a real fuss of me and put his arms round my shoulders and asked me if everything would be all right."

¶his close identification with the parents is something often felt by only children. By contrast, Mrs Cole can remember how much she and her siblings formed a cohesive unit against her parents.
"When my mother used to get angry with me, having a sister and two brothers acted like a buffer. We were able to support each other. But Thomas hasn't got that. If I'm angry with him it really upsets him. I tell him sometimes, If you had brothers and sisters Mummy would be just as angry with them', but he hasn't got that sense of perspective. I think he gets the best and the worst of

us as a result." One thing Thomas does aiready and they're really

writes some of them down

"If she were in a family of five brothers and sisters you'd think, 'How marvellous to have such a reflective, imaginative child'. But because she's an Only One, if I tell people about her stories I can see they're thinking, 'Oh, that poor Only Child'. That's what Ì don't like."

There's no doubt that in this untry the parents of only children can often feel themselves on the defensive. As Mrs Pierce says: "We are in a minority, those of us who choose to have just one child. and I think people can be very suspicious of anyone who's different like that, it becomes the big thing and any problems in later life get attributed to it. Certainly I know Guy found that.

But I wonder what things are like in China. If you have a country where the norm is that everyone has an only child, do you get people shaking their heads and saying: Well of course he's playing up. . . he's one of two, you know"."

## Solos who made it big

PITY THE only child, a much-maligned creature. Being an only child is a disease itself, one psychologist noted many years ago. Known as onlies, singletons, solos and linle emperors. a child without sīblings is a child scorned. In the words of Julie Burchill, the writer and only child: "Somebody once said that only children are natural psychopaths. It does take a hig jump for us to relate to people in the way others do. You identify with people as objects to

Leonardo da Vinci. Genghis Khan, Stalin, Elvis Presley and Indira Gandhi were only children, as are Betty Boothroyd, Enoch Powell, John Cleese, Nick Faldo and Ruby Wax.

push around.

Such children score higher than their peers on achievement, motivation and self-esteem because they don't have the complication of the sibling relationship", says Dr Ann Laybourn, the author of The Only Child: Myths and Reality. "They are not rubbished and don't have their self-esteem dented by a brother or sister."

tion and introversion in the only child's mind. The novelist Kate Atkinson says: You are entirely locked into your own view of things. You make your own deductions and they can be very wrong, but there's no one to tell you." Children with siblings

THIS CAN lead to distor-

are continually being compared by their parents. But an only child is never dethroned in the family pecking order, and bathes in a pool of undivided parental attention. "You get the idea that you're a little bit special," John Cleese says in Families — and How to Survive Them.

PROFESSOR Cary Cooper, a behaviour psychologist at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. good self-image because they feel they're the only one. Equally, they know everything depends on them. Parents usually want their children to achieve what they haven't achieved. All that investment translates into achievement. But the driver to achievement is

slight neuroticism. Not that only children are maladjusted. Studies show that they get on fine with their peers and that they are less prone to psychological problems.

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birch, Eddie Thomas, 12 was held upside down over the Thames from the Royal Nore, flagship of the Port of London Authority. Holding one leg was

Canon Peter Delaney, a governor of Eddie's school and vicar of All Hallows church, and at the other was Simon Thorogood, Master of St Dunstan's lower school.

The company of pikemen and musketeers looked on, armed to the teeth, wartime decorations glinting. guarding the Lord Mayor of London. Alderman Roger Cork, as Eddie gave the river a sound thrashing.

This was the annual ceremony of Beating the Bounds, which dates from medieval times when parishes asserted their boundaries by marching around them at Rogationtide, praying for their crops and bearing the boundary marks with wands. Although St Dunstan's school is now co-educational and in Catiord; it was one of the original six grammar schools in the City of London and each year, 12 pupils with birth wands

return to beat the bounds. Having marked the mid-river boundary outside HM Customs and Excise, the procession disembarked, headed by Di Robertshaw, a sister-

Ruth Gledhill joins the Lord Mayor of London for a Rogationtide ceremony

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tutor at Great Ormand Street Hospital, carrying the All Hallows cross from a Spanish galleon that came into the Upper Pool in the 17th century.

Behind her were two acolytes, the beating party, the acting headmaster Dr Anthony Seldon, the head of school, Thomas van Bertkel, as well as churchwardens, priests, head verger, school governors, the Barge-master, the Master of the Gardeners' Company and Master of the Wor-shipful Company of Bakers and



The Lord Mayor of London

others, all in ceremonial dress. A drumbeat sounded out as pikemen and musketeers brought up the rear, causing the police horse in attendance to flare his nostrils, stamp his feet and execute the odd aerial leap, as if expecting a full-blooded charge at any moment. I joined the congregation, parishioners and gawping tourists at the back as this unlikely assembly marched up the embankment and into the City. At each boundary mark the proces-

sion stopped, the parish clerk raised his staff and we sang and prayed. "Heavenly father, we ask you to bless the City of London and all who live and work in this parish. May peace be found here and the love of God be in each heart," said Canon Delaney. Then the children set to with their wands, beating the railings, or the pavement, at the boundary. At the Tower, these beatings were

more than symbolic because the boundary is still disputed by the City and the Crown, and has been from the earliest period of English history, according to Joseph Maskell's Parochial History. The Corporation of London has for centuries claimed jurisdiction over the Tower Liberty. The Crown has constantly resisted this, repeatedly enlarging its fortress against municipal protests.

About 50 yards remain in dispute to this day, and every three years, the Tower warders stand where they consider the boundary to be, and the children run through them to where they think the boundary is. This year there were no warders, but we still cheered ourselves hoarse as the 12 boys and girls ran across to the Tower railings, and gave them the best and soundest beating of all.

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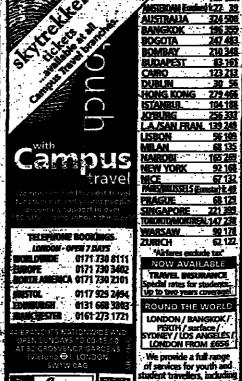
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# Close shaves on the highway of death

One of the last great adventures is to travel by road from Kashgar in China to Islamabad in Pakistan

h My God" read the inscription across the wind-screen of a Pakistani minibus as it careered down the Karakoram Highway. Several thousand feet above were the snow-dusted stiletto peaks of the mountain range from which the high-way takes its name; to the side of the road, a chain of whitepainted stones offered a token barrier between the minibus and a L500ft sheer drop to the River Indus below

The minibus's motif defily summed up one of the last great highway adventures which allows the traveller to go from Kashgar in western China through the Khunjerab Pass and to travel the length of the Karakoram Highway to Pakistan, a road hacked through mountain rock for 1,000 miles at a cost of hundreds of Chinese and Pakistani lives. It is a road which nature clearly believes has no: business existing; avalanches and rock falls close it

Enter the highway's mountain fastnesses and the only regular companions along the way are flocks of shiny black crows. The only people about are Pakistani militia or policemen enduring something akin to a posting on Hadrian's Wall for a Roman soldier. Kashgar was the principal

Chinese way-station on the Silk Road: a crossroads for trade and religion, linking the great Chinese empire with central Asia, and a superb listening post for spies. In front of the ld Kah mosque is Kashgar's colourful and exotic Sunday market, offering every licit and illicit treasure of the in the Muslim quarter, where guests sit cross-legged on vast the days of the Great Game, when the British and Russian

central Asia. Large second-floor balconies allow a perfect view of all the comings and goings on the street below.

Now, the only intelligence gathering is likely to be by the Chinese, nervous of the influence from the Islamic nations to the west, or the conservationists, horrified at the pelts of rare animals killed illegally and sold in the market.

The route skirts the Taklimaken desert — the Black Desert which stretches into western China, Distances are vast, journey times inde-terminate. The journey from Kashgar to the old staging town of Tash Kurghan takes seven hours along indifferent roads, making no allowance for the occasional flat tyre or filling up with dirty petrol.

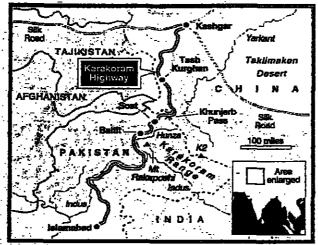
Meals are often robust and chewy, mutton and rice morning and night. But this is a taste of what foreign travel used to be like through coun-tries that the Mongol hordes had subdued; at times you half expect to hear the thunder of hooves across the high steppe. Instead, you catch a glimpse of the drug routes that branch off a long valley into Afghanistan.

The Tang Shan mountains are a backdrop on the road out of Kashgar through miles of upland steppe in a landscape so vast that, paradoxically, clear days give the impression that you have only to put a hand out to touch a mountain. Most of the time the only accompaniment along the road are flocks of snow bunting, which duck and divealong beside the bus like tiny aerial porpoises.

Here and there clusters of magenta, the boys incongru-ous in miniature trilby hats. tables, one can easily imagine. Often the boys have a camel with them which looks singularly unimpressed by travelempires vied for influence in , lers. The only other people on

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#### KARAKORAM HIGHWAY FACT FILE

The author travelled with Exodus Travel (0181-675 5550), which operates a 19-day Central Asian Discovery tour, starting in Tashkent (via Moscow) and flying out of Islamahad. The package costs £1,930, including flights, accommodation, guide and transfers. A local payment of about £100 covers all meals except eight hunches.

Visas for Russia, Uzbekistan, China and Pakistan cost approximately £150 in total. A visa for Kirghizia is payable at the border and costs US\$40 (about £25).

Health: The full range of innoculations is advised, as well as hepatins B, water-purifying tablets and suitable precautions for upset stomachs. Check with your doctor.

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171 229 5260) recommends: Foreign Devils on the Silk Road, by Peter Hopkirk (OUP, £7.99); Buried Treasures of Chinese Turkestan, by Albert Von Le Coq (OUP, £7.95).

the road between Kashgar and Tash Gurkhan are herdsmenriding donkeys hardly able to carry them, cowering against the light snow of early sum-mer. Occasionally the carcass of an animal without sufficient reserves for the journey lies by the roadside.

The limit of Chinese territory comes up in a blizzard: a low, white building almost invisible except for its red flag and the smartest, most cheeryurts (Mongolian tents) are ful border guards to be found peopled by children in clothes anywhere, their green unianywhere, their green uninot disguise their amazement that Westerners should have bought the native Islamic stringed musical instruments of Kashgar, which they consider out of the Stone Age.

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It is at the border that you get the first sense of what it cost in human terms to build this road. A memorial list of names, etched in stones below a red flag emblem, is the first indication that bizarre friendship projects have a cost which goes far beyond materials and money. If ever there was a "political" road, it is this one.

Built largely with Chinese money, the road serves no particular trading purpose and was intended as a signal of support to Pakistan in its Pakistani businessmen, who flock into Kashgar to buy cheap Chinese silk and sell manufactured goods, all travel

The road is a symbol of solidarity, a vast representation of a political ideal which has only recently reopened along its full length. As a result, concessions to tourists are few, as we find out when our Chinese-guided minibus encounters a landslide.

wo minor rock falls later, we pull up at a police post. The road is blocked ahead, says the moustached officer. We cannot go back without visas to re-enter China and cannot go forward: in prospect is a night in the mountains without food or shelter. There is a guest house but it is only for the military: radio appeals to the officer in charge in northern Pakistan are rejected.

Eventually, the Pakistan police take pity on us and yield up a small stone-built house for our use, along with their meagre vegetarian supper.We are 10,000ft up in the Karakorams, home of the notorious K2, and it is cold. I am the unlucky one for whom there is no sleeping bag. It is the coldest night of my life, despite the fact that I put on every spare piece of clothing I have. In the morning, the electronics of my camera are frozen and a cloud of crows dive on us. mocking our predicament.

Brilliant sunshine brings renewed hope and, with a team of Pakistani boys to help with the rock-clearing, we set off again, this time to be confronted with the mother of all rock falls. The road effectively no longer exists, and the only way to get through is to try to traverse on foot a few hundred yards of loose scree while dodging rocks hurtling down at 50mph

"Never mind," the guide ays, "wait till five o'clock and it'll be all right." So we wait. The theory seems plausible enough: the sunshine melts the snow high up which, in turn, soaks the rocks' sandy runway, eventually turning it into a mire through which no rock can roll. For the whole day we sit and

watch the rocks while tension rises and confidence ebbs. Then, right on time at five o'clock, the mountain delivers its verdict on our plans. To the accompaniment of a massive roar, boulders the size of double-decker buses come crashing down. Momentarily stunned, we realise now is the time to make a dash for it: having relieved itself of that mighty load, the mountain could not have anything left to



Kashgar's colourful and exotic market offers everything from barbers and bangles to licit and illicit treasures of the Orient

hurl. The next few minutes are a frenzied blur: running across the shifting scree, gasping for breath, while trying desperately to stop sliding into the river, and glancing fearfully at the mountain top. Suddenly, a guide grabs my elbow to keep me on track; and then, as the lungs go into hyperventilating overdrive, there is solid ground underfoot at last. The panic is over.

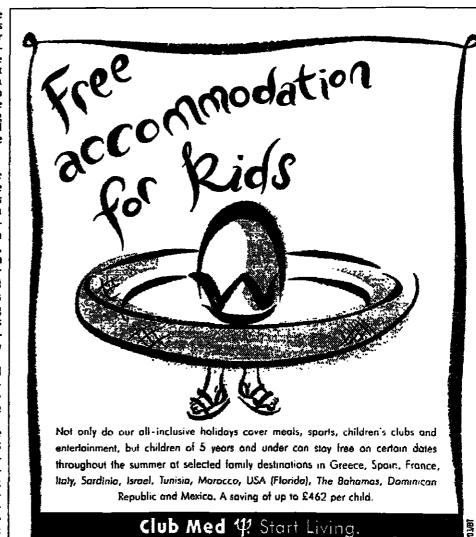
from Sost, down the valley of the Indus, the landscape becomes more fertile as you head towards the Hunza Valley and Baltit Fort, which overlooks this exquisite valley. whose inhabitants are said to be descended from Alexander the Great Snow-capped mountains swing 360 degrees

around the valley overlooking ranks of rich green terraces climbing up their lower approaches and capped by Mount Rakaposhi. The locals here are open and

friendly and, unlike the Islamic people of the plains, exquisitely green-eyed. Girls are allowed outdoors.

As you go south, so the influence of Islam becomes more apparent and the townscapes become more masculine. By the time you reach Islamabad in search of a latenight bottle of beer, a clandestine request to a waiter in one of the city's best hotels brings only an embarrassed refusal. But then, the journey was billed as an adventure holiday.

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Challenge of the rainbow corals



face of the warm Fijian sea, surrounded by a rainbow of colours. The soft coral, in magenta, marmalade orange, canary yellow and lilac, blossomed on the reef like flowers in a carefully cultivated garden, the vivid colours illuminated by shafts of sunshine penetrating down through the water.

Tyrone, our lean, imposing Fijian dive master, caught my attention and invited me to see what he'd captured. He opened his cupped hands releasing what can best be described as a miniature flying carpet. It was a Spanish dancer, a 3cmlong sea slug, which normally slithers across the reef. grazing on algae. While on the reef. this black creature with flecks of green, blue and purple is uninspiring, but release it into the open water and it becomes entrancing. It moves by undu-lating the sides of its body. gracefully swirling around until it settles again on the reef.

We were diving the Rainbow Reef in the Somosomo Strait, off the island of Taveuni in northern Fiji. Getting to the island is an adventure in itself. Qantas just wanted to weigh my baggage on the international flight to Fiji, but weight is so critical on the eight-seater aircraft that flew us on to Taveuni that I had to be weighed myself. As if the indignity of that was not

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Deep down in the multicoloured "soft coral capital of the world" off the Fiji islands, divers encounter fascinating forms of marine life, from tiny Spanish dancer slugs to huge and menacing whaler sharks

right to the left of the aircraft. to balance it out. But the humiliation of being too heavy for the right side of the plane was worth it for the aerial views of Fiji's reefs, which

Including Fiji – a tropical

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world. In diving circles, Fiji's 300 or more islands are known as the "soft coral capital of the world". Soft corals lack the hard limestone skeleton but make up for it in their colours.

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coral, it has been the odd isolated clump. In Fiji you see whole coral heads and reef walls blanketed in its pastel colours. But there's more to diving off Taveuni than coral. Six-foot bronze whaler sharks, menacingly cruising the reef, are a frequent sight. And there are goby fish, which have a fascinating symbiotic relation-ship with shrimps.

The shrimp and the goby share a tunnel in coral rubble on the seabed. It's the shrimp which digs the tunnel on the goby to keep a look out for danger. If you creep up on couple playing Mr and Mrs at the mouth of their home, the shrimp carefully resting one of its long antennae on the fish so that it knows when to follow its partner into the burrow for a ast retreat.

Taveuni has one of the most intimate and beautiful resorts I've ever visited. "Dive Taveuni" accommodates only 12 guests and is on a clifftop. with spectacular vistas over the Somosomo Strait to Fiji's second largest island Vanua Levu. The evening meal is eaten on an veranda, with stunning views of Fiji's South Sea sunsets. With such a small number of guests at the table, it's more like having a dinner party than a meal at a holiday

Diving is not limited to Taveuni; Fiji has two other world-class dive sites which have only recently opened. Six miles south of the main island of Viti Levu is Beqa, set in a large lagoon which has 100 challenge to swim with oceanic white tip sharks. Bega is also the home of Fiji's fire walkers, who tread red hot stones without burning themselves. The traditional ceremony is steeped in taboo and custom, with the men not eating coconuts or having any contact with women for two



Sunset on Fiji, and a beacon is lit to beckon the tourists

The third of Fiji's leading dive sites is off the island of Kandavu. One dive here is called "The Evil Trench" and involves descending 200ft. It's not for the faint-hearted, but those who are either stupid or brave enough to make the journey are rewarded with

breathtaking views. The dive takes you through tunnel 60ft long and more than 30ft high, and ends in an archway the size of London's Marble Arch. The exhilaration as you fly through this huge underwater structure is intense. The whole experience is enhanced by nitrogen narcosis, a phenomenon which oc-curs when divers descend into deep water and absorb such a large amount of nitrogen into their bodies that it makes them feel drunk.

comes from Fiji's national beverage: yaqona. or kava. Virtually every Fijian indulges in kava-drinking sessions, but the brew in Kandavu is reputedly the strongest.

it came through our mellow Fijian dive guide. Dan. The kava ceremony took place at his village beneath the statuescue coconut palms and within earshot of the waves gently breaking on the beach. The sun was just setting over the horizon as one of Dan's relatives started preparing our brew. The process involved the brown pulverised root of the kava plant being strained through a linen bag into a large ancient-looking

wooden bowl. The result was a lightbrown liquid with the unset-

### FIJI FACT BOX

■ The author travelled with Quotas (0345747767), which flies daily to Fiji via Sydney. Prices start at £1,187.

In Fiji, Sunflower Airlines (00 679 723 016) operates flights to Taveuni and Kandavo. A return ticket to Taveuni costs £130. Kandavu £76. The journey to Bega is by boat, organised through the Marlin Bay Resort.

An overnight stay is normal on actival at Fiji's international airport at Nadi. The Royal Denarau (00 679 750 000) quotes £180 a night but discounts are normally available.

■ The author stayed at Dive Taveuni, the Martin Bay Resort and Dive Kandavu. Accommodation, meals and a two-tank dive costs E160 a day at Dive Tavenni (00 679 880 441). At the Mariin Bay Resort (00 679 304 042) on Bega, the same packag costs £160. At Dive Kandavu (00 679 311 780) the cost is £100.

Diverpackages to Affrican also be atranged through Scuba ... Safaris (01452 740919) and Hayes & Jarvis (0181-222 7840). H&J offers a one-week holiday at Taveuni from £1,749, including

■ When to go: May to October is the best time; it is cooler, less humid and for divers the visibility is better. Health: Fiji is free of most tropical diseases, including

malaria, but tetanus, polo, typhoid and bepatitis A immunisations are recommended. Check with your GP first. Money: There are two Fijian dollars to the pound. Credit cards are accepted at all resorts.

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tling appearance of muddy water. When I drank a coconut shell full of the peppery tasting grog. I found it also had the same gritty texture of muddy water. But Dan and our five other Fijian drinking mates loved it. We sat in a circle, and round and round went the coconut shell until I had

guiped down 12 cups. To my intense disappointment, I experienced no after-effects. Others have talked of fuzzy headedness, and even mild euphoria. I was just left wondering what effect the kava would have on my diges

But there was much to enjoy in the ceremony. By the time we'd reached our tenth cup the stars were out and Dan and his friends had picked up their guitars and were singing along to Fijian love songs. As they strummed away I was happy to gaze up into the dark skies watching out for the occasional shooting star which left an ephemeral trail of light in its wake, and wondering what my next day of diving

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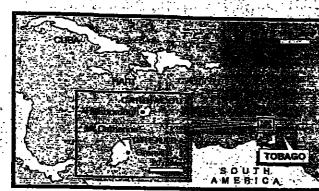
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# I've got a lovely bunch of coconuts



ave you ever stayed at Crown Reef on Tobago? If you did you probably never went back. The place lost heart and looked hangdog, plainly longing to fall into the sea and entice scuba divers.

Well, it never had a beach—a bad start for any holiday resort. That would matter less for Tobago's Mount Irvine Hotel because of its peerless golf course, but generally resort hotels without beaches are the castrati of the Caribbean. Crown Reef, a government property, crept into a pigeonhole. Who would buy a modern ruin without a beath?

Who but John Jefferis, a financial greyhound with a Bermuda resort pedigree. A lateral thinker, he brought in a beach and set it down between Crown Reef and the sea. You can do that with a vast hose that sucks said from the seabed, plus its complement of small astonished creatures, and spurts it on to the shore

like toothpaste from a tube.

Crown Reef vanished and coo Reef rose in its place. It was want to looks wonderful now. You can want A. beach, perhaps imagine God saying: Thank "Nonsense," he says, "there's a you, John, I always meant to do that." A dawn fly-past of pelicans salutes the achieve the achieve and carriacou is breakfast.

However, a beach is merely. a basic, like trousers. Coco Reef needed more than sand to reach speed. For instance, a 1959 Silver Cloud for the threeminute airport transfer. And then enough Mexican floor tiles to ballast a freighter. And what a struggle, getting im-port permits. And 100 per cent tax. But worth it to attain the rich red look of the lobby large enough and with all the stairways and balconies needed to stage Aida, or multiple steel bands playing the 1812. View it from your restaurant

Last summer was Coco Reef's first season, and during my week 19 guests had a choice of 135 rooms. They snorkelled and snogged and snored. They sneaked off in glass-bottom boats called Suntatura and Pleasure Girl and Star Chick. They never went near the beach. My pictures show 40 vacant sunloungers and a gardener wheeling a barrow among dicarders with blooms like

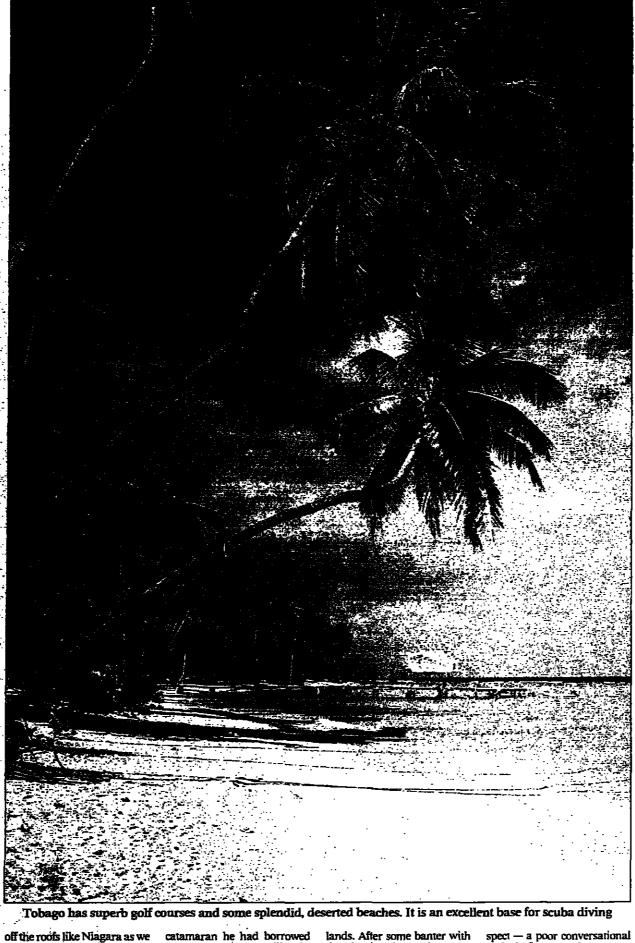
The transformation cost £23 million, plus topping up the beach. Further along by Goldsbrough Bay, Richmond Great House does without a beach as it sits above the coast, fanned by trade winds and with a nice view of the 1,500 forested acres it once controlled.

After a career of research into African architecture, the Tobagonian Professor Hollis Lynch took this oldest surviving Great House, set out his stall of African art and thought the old slave quarters iteal for the staff of a ten-room service guest house. With its eclectic miscellany of books and home grown fruit and veg, what more could anyone want? A beach, perhaps: "Nonsense," he says, there's a pool. More than a beach, we need marketing,"

Tobago is Trinidad's quiet alternative and Carriacou is Grenada's. You can fly, or take ferry that docks in Hillsborough, a crab's scuttle away from the Silver Beach Hotel. This is built on sand on a former mangrove swamp. Despite what is said in Matthew 7.26, building on sand turns out all right, says Oliver Bullen, its Carriacouan owner, provided you compact half a dozen layers until they are hard as concrete. And the rainwater off an asphalt roof is as drinkable as that off galvanised iron, provided you take an asphalt that inhibits the growth of fungus and wait two months for the colour to

brain off.

Drinkable rain was coming



off the roofs like Niagara as we talked, and I could hardly see Jack Adam islet where the conches, the staple of Silver Beach menus, are gathered.

A fisherman collecting his traps shipped his oar, stood up in his boat and put his hands in his pockets meditatively. I love a Caribbean beach in the rain, and swimming is special if you lie on your front like a hippo, eyes at water level, and watch a million tiny globules bouncing off to create a dazzle

Mr Bullen went off to reschedule a bank loan. The island's visitor figures had dropped alarmingly; even at Christmas, occupancy figures had been a pain and the catamaran he had borrowed money for was not pulling its tourist weight. He was independently stressed but most businesses were under pressure: Bullen's Travel Agency, Bullen's Insurance, Bullen's Supercentre, Bullen's Hardware, Bullen's Shell Station and — where Vena Bullen began it all in Hillsborough — Bullen's Industrious Stores.

hen he had gone I swam out towards a yacht flying the Jolly Roger, probably a joke but possibly serious, given that smuggling between Petit Martinique and Carriacou is the commercial forte of both is-

lands. After some banter with the wimpish pirates (they wore oilskins). I headed back into another phenomenon peculiar to swimming in the rain: the surge of flotsam gushing from a beach outlet, bearing mud and sticks and coconut husks and plants, plus the odds and sods of human neglect. There must have been good protein as well, because suddenly I was surrounded by leaping

fish and diving birds.

There were only two other guests in the hotel, a Frenchwoman who had toasted herself to resemble a kipper, and her young boyfriend who was still as white as the beach, though clearly they were not ill-assorted in any other re-

outlook for me. However. a solitary scuba fanatic turned up at dinner and talked enthusiastically about the diving around Carriacou. He had not, of course, noticed the rainstorm underwater, but said the fish were very noisy and Cousteau had been wrong in calling it the silent world.

On Grenada the great beach

On Grenada the great beach is Grand Anse, two miles of pulse-stirring stuff with bigbox music to match. Naturally the majority of tourist hotels

#### CARIBBEAN FACT FILE

The author travelled with Harlequin Worldwide (01708 852780), which offers a week at Coco Reef. Tohago, in June or July for £755 per person, including charter flights. British Airways flies to Barbados and onwards with Liat scheduled flights to Tohago, from £035

from £935.

Getting there: BA (0345 222111) flies to Barbados and has inclusive fares onwards to Tohago. using Liat, from £601. American Airlines (0345 789789) has scheduled flights to Grenada, via New York and San

Juan, from £631. The onward journey to Carriacou can be made either on a small plane with Liat (001 809 623 1838), typically an eight-seater Islander, or by ferry from \$1 George's to Hillsborough (just turn up at the dock).

A week at Coco Reef and a second week at the Calabash Hotel. Grenada, costs from £1,672. Harlequin can also arrange two nights at the Silver Beach in Carriacou (00) 809 443 7337) for £105 per person, including flights from Grenada. The hotel charges about £50 per double room per night.

Accommodation: Petit Bacaye (00) 809 443 2902) in Grenada, which recently changed ownership, charges £96 for a double room, £83 for a single.

■ Visas are not required at any of these islands. The US dollar is the most useful currency.
■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5200) recom-

Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Snowflakes in the Caribbean, by Jean Buffong (Women's Press, £6.99): Ways of Sunlight, by Samuel Selvon (Longmans, £6.50): The South East Caribbean, (Cadogan, £9.99).

are drawn up at the edge like crocodiles. But the island has other, less robust, heaches. On one is a hotel so low-profile that you feel you should approach it by stealth or it will flee into the bush. This is Petit Bacaye, situated down a track, off a track, off a side road surfaced with sharp loose stones, off the pot-holed road to Grenville. about ten kilometres from Pointe Salines airport.

etit Bacaye is a beach compound about the size of a football pitch, hacked out of the bush and taking its name from an islet. This can be swum to at any time and waded to at low tide. Showers of egrets roust on it, their white plumage in the trees like blossom, seeming to reflect the wild frangipani blooming on the headland that makes the fourth side of the compound.

From where I peered out, like a sheepdog through the heavy fringe of palm leaves that roofed my little wooden cottage, I saw the owner in his little wooden bar/office kitchen simultaneously pouring drinks, cooking a meal and paying some fishermen for the snapper he was frying. This beach is the permanent mooring for the boats of eight or ten fishermen and they have built a shed for their gear.

There is a spread of tamarinds and 40 coconut palms, sometimes connected by hammocks, with another 20 like a row of guards confronting the thick bush massed on the frontier, patrolled by a stocky heron. There is a nice row of sisal already six feet high and three large cast-iron "coppers". relies of the sugar plantations where they were used to boil cane juice, now adapted as lily ponds and exhaling a subtle fragrance. The plants share the water with small fish whose job is to counter attack any invasion by mosquitoes.

The unpredictable asset of Petit Bacaye is the interest of its casual encounters. Almost anybody who can find it is worth knowing.

Thus, for instance, Telfor

Thus, for instance, Telfor Bedeau shows up, leading a hiking group of four. He has taken them up to the Seven Falls for a swim in the pool below. Some of his hikes are tougher, like that to the top of Mt Catherine. He warns tyros that it will be hot, sticky, muddy and steep. He carries a cutlass in a sheath held together with wire and often cuts his own trails.

Now 56, he has been doing this since 1902 when he led four friends to the top. Thirty years on, they walked the same trail in a celebratory reunion. Telfor broke his rule and let them drive to the foot, because they had all become distinguished Grenadians with a bit of a belly. He has rowed the 56 miles round Grenada in "two sittings" in a boat of his own making, and says he is the only person he knows who boats for pleasure, as distinct from fishing and carrying tourists.

If the beaches seem underused, says Telfor, that is because two out of three Grenadians cannot swim. However, on the evidence of Petit Bacaye, fishing is a better use for a beach.

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### WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 27 GROAK

(c) To hang around in a meaningful way watching others eat and drink in a pointed manner, hoping to be invited to join them. The phenomenon is depressingly common in the bars of London clubs. A good name for a young relative's boyfriend. "How is your galactophagous groak these days, Elizabeth?" you ask her.

### ZZXJOANW

(a) A Maori drum. A winning word in Scrabble. The technique is to save up, at all costs, the letters Z. X. J. O and W. plus blanks for the second Z and any others that you fail to acquire. Then wait for a dangling AN on which you can build. Then strike. You will usually lose. But it will be worth it for the occasion when you put the letters down, and the appeals to the reference books that will follow.

### ABLIGURITION

(a) Extravagance in cooking and serving food, like one's granny, who took the refusal of a second helping as an insult. "So wise of you to have proposed to Patience, Augustus. Abligurition is such a comfortable virtue in a fiancée."

### JUBATE

(a) Fringed with long, hanging hairs, such as a horse's mane. From the Latin luba a mane. "I see that you are becoming ever more jubate with the passing years, Jones. Have you achieved Rastafarianism yet? Or are you aiming at full equinisation?"



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# Turkey: An able seaman enjoys a spell of flotilla sailing but a novice finds himself capsizing a catamaran

# Nelson couldn't have been prouder

Ali Baba trousers and a fish impaled sideways through his skull. "Is a hat." he explained, scratching him-self with vigour and grinning broadly. Reasons of personal hygiene, we were told, cause many Turkish men to shave areas which other Europeans let flourish. The resulting seven o'clock shadow may itch. Clearly, Ahmet aimed to be the entertainer as well as engineer and general handyman to our four-strong flotilla of power-boats moored in the busy marina of Marmaris on Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

The plan was to sail in convoy to various small ports and anchorages along the coast and explore the remains that passing civilisations have left there. Our base would be a ten metre long Bayliner power boat; spacious, comfortable, well equipped and capable of licking along at more than 20 knots between stops. We would cover far more in a week than can ever be achieved under sail.

One boat acting as pilot had Noel as captain and overall commander-in-chief of the flotiila. Our boat, Tropical Dawn, had four novices on board. A couple from York-shire and a Belgian detective and his girlfriend sailed the

other two vessels. On the face of it, steering a powerboat may seem rather easier than driving a car. The road is immensely wide save where it narrows through harbour entrances and other obstacles; the skipper simply presses a starter button, two enormous nostrils in the stern emit a whiff of smoke, the throttle opens with a satisfying snarl from the twin diesels and after casting off the lines, away we go. The helmsman stands on a lofty bridge, master, he FACT FILE

The author travelled with Sunshine Cruising, Bradstowe House, Middle Wall, Whistable, Kent, CT5 IBF (01227 776677). A four-berth flotilla cruiser costs from £2,425 a week. Flights are from £169

expensive.

(cucumber in garlie-yoghurt).

that left me trembling.

obligation to eat out "en flotil-

la", the boats have well

difficult to see where sky and

hopes, of all there is to survey. Noel gave a comprehensive briefing, after which we all tucked away our fenders and were soon racing south across the bay, bows surging like the heads of horses in a cavalry charge. We slowed towards our first anchorage at Kumlu Buku and the pilot boat led the way in. Ahmet suddenly appeared on our bridge. "I help," he declared and after a tentative scratch began vigorous manipulation of the throttle

The problem with a large power boat is that at slow speed it behaves rather like a brakeless lorry travelling through an oil spill. They have minimal keel and no rudder and rely on engine thrust to hold direction. The only way to stop is to slam the whole thing into reverse. Obviously the potential for accidents with novices in charge is high.

We were quickly moored. Ahmet disappeared again with a gesture suggesting I had done everything very neatly. The flotilla lay in Holland Bay at Kumlu Buku, so-called because a restaurant there is run by Ahmet the Hollander, a Dutch Turk. This was our first taste of Turkish cuisine. Restaurants along the coast specialise in nothing else since tourism is happily unso-

it was full throttle to the next destination leaving a fleur-delis plume behind each boat. The Turkish coast is strewn with Roman and Byzantine remains; even the centre of Fethiye has yielded a Roman amphitheatre which archaeologists are patiently reconstructing. We anchored at Ekincik and went on boats up the reed-choked Dalyan river to the ancient city of Caunus where there are tombs dating

Marmaris.

from the 4th century BC. Dolphins raced us to a point on the coast where a valley opens into a bay. In fine weather the valley is choked with butterflies but rain was pouring and the place was deserted. It poured all the way back to Marmaris where, alone on the bridge, I reversed into a gap between gulets and fixed the lines before a fishimpaled head appeared. "You done good. Very good." Ahmet said. Could Nelson have felt more proud? I doubt it.

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Sunsail, perhaps the most

paradoxical is that which puts

you, for the first week, in its

sailing club at Perili on the

edge of the bay of Datca, no

more than a hefty stone-skim

from the Greek island of Simi:

and, for the second week, on a

gulet, a boat originally de-

signed for sponge-divers and

fishermen, now regenerated

The first week left me bewil-

dered. I have never been a sailor but I had imagined it

would not matter. The sailing

club sits in a beautiful bay and

comprises a scattering of small

white buildings that creep up a

rocky hillside. At the foot of the

hill is the beach, empty but for the racks of dinghies and

windsurfers, and the tanned

and toned bodies of the Eng-

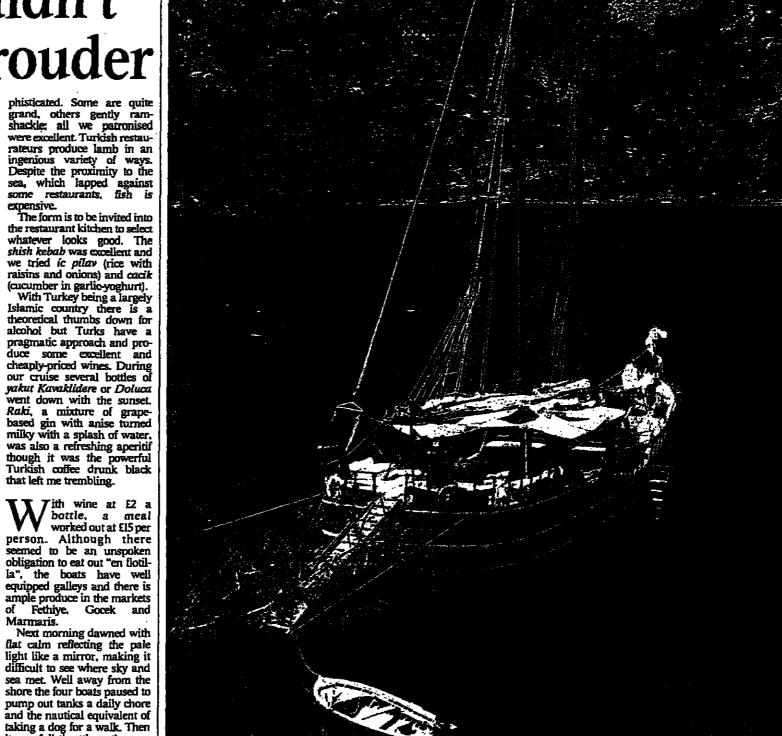
lish staff who are rigging boats, joshing with each other and looking like film extras as they flash their pearly teeth

and shake their sun-bleached

hair. Beyond that is a bay

where trim sails scud harm-





Gulets were boats originally designed for sponge divers and fishermen but they have been regenerated for tourists

#### Throw away itting on the deck of a wooden motor-cruiser, silently moored for the night in a Turkish bay, and nursing a cool tum-bler of raki while a culinary mv sailor suit genius called Ali bakes the fat octopuses that his friend Mehmet had harpooned that morning, you cannot help wrong with "boaty" people Among holidays offered in

quil figures-of-eight. There is an open-air bamboo bar, and a restaurant where the food is of a hybrid Mediterranean style, designed to appeal to palates unhappy with anything that wriggles or swims, and the booze is cheap.

After 9am, however, the place is empty. The lean, brown instructors disappear and with them the fatter, pinker majority. They all go sailing. All day. On the first morning I found myself quite alone. There had been some talk of lessons the night before, and of Toppers and Lasers and Wayfarers and Darts, and any number of yachts. But I just thought I would stay

home with the landlubbers. There weren't any. And so, to show willing, I sank a Topper, and then a Wayfarer. And then I went out with two extremely competent men in a Laser and turned that over as well. Finally, I was taken out in a catamaran by the best sailor of all, who had never

turned one over, and when he made me stand on the edge of the boat and lean out to balance the pull of the sail, I capsized that, too.

Meanwhile everyone else raved about the equipment, and the skill of the staff, and spun nautical yarns over cocktails into the small hours.

tried a few more times, sitting alone in a motionless dinghy, facing into the wind while the sails flapped, and being gently buffeted about the head by the boom; then, when an instructor nearby shouted, "Get-ready to gybe", I turned to ask him what he meant and was walloped out into the Med. That evening I retired from sailing for good. On the last

morning I sank a canoe, . Once aboard the gulet, how ever, things immediately looked up. The rotund Captain Mehmet invited us aboard his boat, a pretty wooden thing that slept 12, with a living room, dining and snoozing

area at the back and tanning space up front. For the next seven days we cruised the Mediterranean while Ali cooked, Mustapha made the cocktails and danced to dodgy Turkish pop music, and we swam and slept, or discarbarked and got ripped off in carpet shops, or walked inland.

to swim in waterfalls. After the exertions of the first week, where motion on water was a slippery thing dependent on one's ability to execute expert advice, this half of the holiday, in which an old sea dog plotted the course and did the sailing, was all the sweeter. The option to sail was still there, with Toppers and windsurfers on board and a Sunsail rep ever willing to assist. But roles were reversed Returning to the boat after a

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day pottering in the ruins at Cnidus, where Praxiteles sculpted his Aphrodite, or swimming naked in a seclud-ed bay, it was those life-jacketed undortunates who had remained to practise their tacking of their trapezing who had missed the best of the day. In the end, though, nobody misses out, for the

your are cosseted by English staff and earn your evenings of relaxation by your own efforts. In the second week you are among Turks and there is no daily effort at all. You get your eating and reading and swimming for free.

since my holiday, Sunsail has started offering gulet trips without the condition of a week on the skid-pan. Now ere is the fun in that?

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### BUDGET GUIDE BOOKS Spend a penny in the triangle

IF YOU WANT to spend a penny in the Baltics, b. ware — or be equipped with the latest Lonely Planet Guide. The letter M, the guide explains, identifies the gents in Estonia and Russia, but it is a V in

Latvia and Lithnania.
Ladies must follow N in Estonia. S in
Latvia and then it is back to M again in Lithuania. Just to complete the confusion, some lavatories sport an upsidedown triangle for men, and a triangle the right way up for wontern.
Such nuggets of int amation, plus a

host of travel tips to help save the precious zlotys and Torinis are crammed into Lonely Planet's new series of Shoestring Guides to Europe aimed at budget travellers. From the best fish and chip shop in Galway to the best "drunken fish soup" in Balaion; how to get VAT refunds in Slovakia or prevent over-zealous Czech waiters whisking your

plate away — it's all there.
In Scandinavia & Baltic Europe on a.
Shoestring the slimmest volume with
570 pages, there is vital information on how to exist on a no-frills daily budget of 275 krone (about £27) by avoiding alcohol, meals in hotels apart from allyou can eat buffet breakfasts, and even the coin-operated laundries.

New sections in each volume, the top ien and bottom ten, reflect the authors personal views, which are entertaining— if also prejudiced and occasionally inconsistent. Thus the delightful Palma in Majorca is given the thumbs down in. Mediterranean Europe's bottom ten-(along with the Greek island of Kos and the Casino at Monte Carlo), although fine Majorcan capital is later described as a "pleasant town worth exploring".

A BLANKET condemnation of France's north coast in the bulky (1,322-page) Western Europe guide completely ignores such treats as Dieppe, while appproving "the Alps". This suggests the author had never seen the purpose built French moumain resorts which have all the cosy charm of giant oil refineries.

Black marks are also awarded to British coastal resorts (the lot). Munich's Bierfest, Prague in high season, the tacky resort of Siofok on Hungary's Lake Balaton along with with the Magyars' schmaltzy music, Santa Claus's home in Finland, Denmark's Legoland without kids and seal clubbing displays at the Polar Museum in Tromso.

Full marks, though, to Lonely Planet for a good read and priceless information, plus maps that do not fall out just as you are about to board the bus.

JILL CRAWSHAW

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Aboriginal from the Tanami Desert in Australia's Northern Territory, young travellers can learn about tribal mythology and bush medicine in the outback

### Time for a real adventure or two

STA TRAVEL, which specialises in the young independent market, will whet the appetites of adventurous travellers with its range of interesting holiday ideas in a free publication, Ground Level, Suggestions include felucca trips down the Nile, kibbutz fly-drives, trans-Siberia rail journeys, bungee jumping at Victoria Falls, and tribal mythology, bush medicine and hunting in the Australian outback.

Useful nuts-and-bolts information on cheap flights, accommodation and travel passes helps with the budgeting.

The guide is available from local

branches of STA or by telephoning 0171-

### Non-inclusive

THE growing number of all-inclusive holidays are given a rough ride in the current Holiday Which? whose subscribers have complained that many "free" facilities advertised did not materialise or at best were of poor

A party of holidaymakers expecting free table tennis, archery, pistol and rifle shooting, aerobics, volleyball, water polo, petanque, football and darts were told four days before departure that only table tennis, aerobics and darts were available. The promised barbecue was also cancelled.

To get your money's worth, concludes Holiday Which?, you will probably need to stay in your hotel complex most of the time, suggesting that these so-called all-

### JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS

in luxury packages may be little more than full board plus drinks.

ALTHOUGH many organisations have tried to charter the Orient Express for their millennium celebrations, VSOE (017)-805 5100) is hoping to run its own fiveday party for 180 or so passengers following the original Constantinople route as closely as possible through Paris, Central and Eastern Europe to Istanbul. Prices and details have not yet been finalised by VSOE but should be announced soon

### Days in Paris



THE Air Travel Group's City Escapades (0181-563 8959) has expanded its from to 55 destinations. Using its links with Le Meridien and Forte ho-

tels, the firm can organise breaks to cities as far away as Amman and Bahrein, Dubai and Damascus, Montreal and Washington, with hotels and flights individually priced. Thus a Dubai break costs from £50 per night B&B at the Meridien Jumeira Beach. with flights an additional £399.

The popular destinations continue to be Paris, Rome and Amsterdam, with a two-night break in Paris starting at £119. A special celebration break which includes an evening at the Opera, a night in Le Meridien Etoile, travelling out by Eurostar and back by Orient Express, costs from £414.

### To Abu Simbel

REPAIRS to the road to Abu Simbel are likely to cause disruption for travellers between May and October; the Egyptian Tourist Office claims the route will not be closed, although traffic will be reduced to about 35mph with priority for

reduced to about 35mph with priority for tourist buses. Egypt Air will increase the frequency of its flights to Abu Simbel from Aswan, with fares reduced from \$145 (about £93) to \$107 (£69).

Bales Tours (01306 885991) recommends the 40-minute flight rather than the four-hour each way coach journey. The firm's day excursion costs £95, which includes the flight and entrance fees to Rameses II's great Sun Temple. This was speciacularly raised and This was spectacularly raised and reassembled between 1964-68 during the flooding of Lake Nasser.

SWEDISH homeowners are signing up for a new agency providing B&B accommodation in Stockholm, with rooms from £18 a night. In 1998 the city becomes the Cultural Capital of Europe. Contact the Bed and Breakfast Service Stockholm (0046 8 660 5565).

### Stepping out

HISTORIC walks in the footsteps of the great and the not-so-good, led by guides, are being organised this summer by Inntravel (01653 628811). Accommodation ranges from three-star hotels to simple mountain refuges.

The walk called In Whymper's Footsteps Around the Matterhorn follows the tracks of a young Englishman from Breuil-Cervinia in Italy to Zermatt in Switzerland, as he made his final plans to conquer the peak in 1865. The week's tour costs £889. The Viking Kings' Route is along an ancient trail used by the

Norsemen on a journey in 1097; this walk costs £398). Smugglers carrying contraband into Spain, as well as British PoWs escaping across the Pyrenees took high mountain routes in Catalonia. The Cerdagne to Canigou Smugglers' Walk costs £760. All prices include flights, half-board and picnic lunches.

### Out of term

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A night's B&B at London's King's College costs from £17, while Exeter charges £12.50 a night, £19 with en-suite bathroom; a self-contained self-catering flat for a maximum of four people costs from £241 a week. In Edinburgh, B&B is £24 a night per person, £45 with en-suite bathroom, while a self-catering flat for a maximum of five people costs £285.

For further information contact the British Universities Accommodation Consortium (0115-950 4571) or write to: BUAC, Box 1496, University Park Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

# No Mickey Mouse voyages

Disney's latest venture.

is Caribbean cruises

isney this week gave the first public viewing of its purpose-built cruise liner. Disney Magic, when it was floated out of the Sincantieri shipyards outside Venice in preparation. for its maiden voyage early next year. The ship will be the first of two liners (Disney Wonder is due to come into service late next year) which will combine short. Caribbean cruises with a stay at Disney. World in Orlando, Florida.

Interest from British holidaymakers is already strong, according to Andy Noble of tour operator Bridge Travel Group, which is the first UK operator to take bookings for the cruise liner. "With the upsurge in demand for all types of cruise holidays, it is perhaps not surprising that a Disney-quality cruise venture is likely to prove popular," he says, "But it will be pitched at the upper end of the market."

A seven-day combination holiday of

three or four days on Disney Magic and the balance at Disney World starts at £818 for adults, including flights, staying at a mid-price Disney hotel and in a standard cabin. Top of the range in a royal suite on board ship with accommodation at the Grand Floridian Hotel in Disney World costs from £1.571 for adults for cruises. starting in mid-April mext year. The price for children (aged 2-11) sharing their parents' cabin is a flat rate £796 irrespective of grade.

hildren, not surprisingly, are particularly targeted by Disney, which. claims to have allocated about ten times the space (15,000 square feet) for children's activities compared with similar-sized liners. More importantly, it has segmented children's activities according to age and likely interests: under-eights. have a play area themed to Captain Hook's ship involving physical activity and fantasy play; nine to 12-year-olds have large-screen interactive video games and teenagers get a "hang-out" space close to the activity pool, themed like the New York coffee bar in the American TV. comedy Friends.

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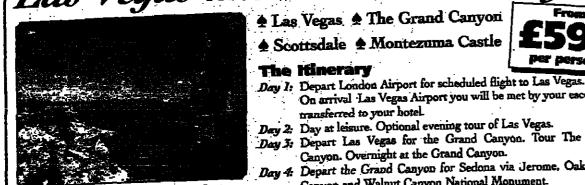
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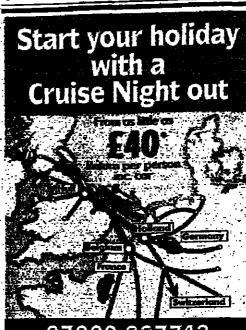
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# Life cycles in the slow lanes

he sound of my bike wheels on the fine graver of the path was satisfyingly crunchy as I bowled along the converted railway line through Raydon Great Wood. The sun flickered through the filigree of twigs, freshly green with the soft newness of spring leaves, and glimed on the shiny yellow petals of celandines nestling in the richfoliage of the verge.

Ahead of me an animal bounded out of the grass, its tail flowing. At first I took it to be a squirrel but, after a longer look, realised it was a stoat and stopped abruptly. The creature danced towards me. Moving with a related, loose-limbed, giddy gait which belied its careful control and fierce concentration, it skittered from one side of the path to the other. Then, just a few yards from me, it slipped seamlessly into the grass and out of sight. I put my feet back on the pedals and crunched on.

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This is the essence of a Sustrans cycle route. My favourite sections are the off-road bits and I delight in riding these special paths, untroubled by traffic, deep into beautiful countryside. The path through Raydon Great Wood, to the southeast of Hadleigh in Suffolk, now forms part of Sustrans's "interim Route I" from Hull to Harwich, which opens tomorrow and is another section of the rapidly

growing National Cycle Network.

This exciting project, supported by the Millermium Commission and being assembled by Sustrans in partnership with local authorities and others, will give the UK a minimum of 6,500 miles of signed high-quality cycle mates by 2005. More than half of the petwork will use traffic calmed proan roads and lightly trafficked country lanes while the remainder is to be on forest roads, converged railway lines, can at low paths and bridleways By providing safe cycle routes, people may be persuaded to use tikes for shorter journeys as a sustainable form of transport, thus reducing car emissions and improving health. But I just love the routes for the chance to bike in safety through little-known.

Armed with Sustrains's rome maps and a copy of the Hull to Harwich Cycle Route Holiday Planner, I leaded my bike onto the train to Hull. The panniers were bulging, the tyres firm and the water bottle full. I had no fears for the bike as it had been serviced recently—it was my own fitness I decided.

Inwardly, I thanked heaven that the majority of the route was going to be flat or, at worst, gently undulating. But, while variations to the vertical scale are strictly finance the route is far from straight and meanders from high-

'My bike carried me through the landscape at the right pace to appreciate its nuances'

light to highlight, covering 369 unles as it weaves its way between the two ports through the Lincolnshire Wolds and the arable lands of East Anglia.

From Hull, Route I crosses the Humber Bridge and passes close to Grinsby, with its excellent National Fishing Heritage Centre, before diving down to the cathedral cases of Lincoln and, eventually. Norwich Before it reaches Ipswich the way divides, with an eastern aim travelling to Felixstowe and a western one sweeping round Ipswich and Colchester and then to Harwich.

At first sight the route seems to run through unvaryingly flat and potentially monotonous country-side, miles and miles of corn and rape interrupted only by occasional villages. But that is a driver's view, for my bike carried me through this landscape at just the right pace to appreciate its muances. The local building materials often gave a che

to the underlying geology. Around Sandringham, for instance, many of the house walls are built from thin, flat, biscuit-coloured cart stone, as if made of broken digestives: Further south flint takes over while, on the border between Suffolk and Essex, black weather-boarding and thatch hold sway.

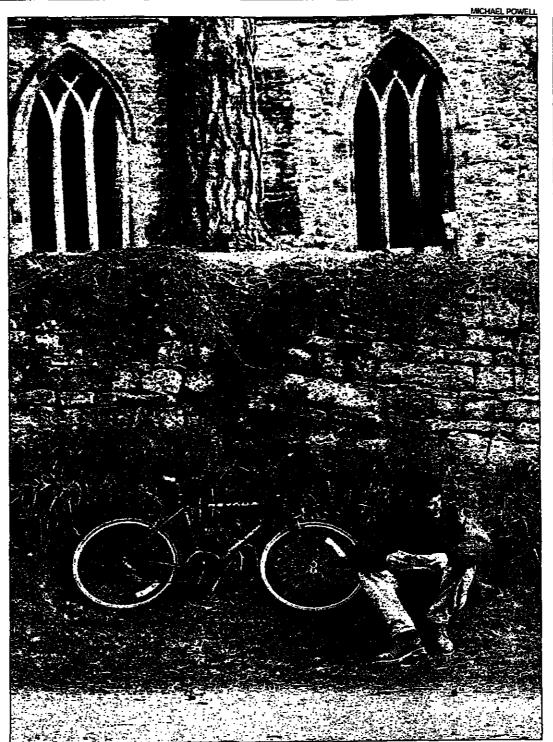
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surprisingly unoccupied and when I stopped for a breather after climbing to occasional high points, the views were often remarkably free of buildings. This is partly explained by the number of extensive estates, of which Sandringham is the most notable, and the route took me past its main entrance. But Route I is also regularly punctuated by villages which, together with the numerous places of interest on the way and the general flamess of the terrain, makes it ideal for family

I looked forward to the villages as places to stop for rest and refreshment and quickly became a connoisseur of the freshly made sandwich, the sticky bun and the chocolate flapjack. I can recommend Groom's Bakery in Burnham Market and Crocodile in Norwich's Tombland. But the one shop which promises to profit mightily from the opening of Route I is Reads The Bakers on the road into Framlingham. Its rooftop extractors pour enticing aromas into the faces of oncoming pedallers and only the iron-willed (certainly not me) could pass it by.

n the midst of thousands of fertile acres, many of the small towns have excellent produce markets. Asparagus, plump and newly picked, was too delicate to squeeze into a packed pannier. Fresh sea food, especially Cromer crab, was also a feature of these markets, a reminder that the sea is often just a few miles away.

And Route I took me there, or at least to tidal estuaries. Woodbridge with its white clapboard buildings and mud flats packed with boats and piping oyster catchers sicks in the mind, as does Wells-next-the-Sea. I had to make a slight detour to reach Wells but it was worth it. Narrow streets of brightly painted



Taking a bike break: a pause at Walesby, near Market Rasen, on the Hull to Harwich route

houses led me down to the water, although it took a further kilometre of serious, head-down pedalling in the face of a stiff northerly to reach the sea proper, the worst wind of the whole ride. Later. I coasted back along the sea wall with the sun gleaming blindingly off the exposed mud to sit on the quay and enjoy an ice-cream.

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But if I had to choose a favourite

town it would have to be Beccles. I was impressed by St Peter's House, my hotel there, where I ate a delicious meal and drank coffee in a drawing room decorated in ornate Strawberry Hill Gothic; I appreciated the efforts of the local council for including bike-locking facilities in keeping with the street furniture; I enjoyed visiting St Michael's church described by

Arthur Ransome in Coot Club as being built "in two bits, the tower in one bit and the rest of the church in another". And, finally, there was the sign outside a local pub: "Parking for Loaves and Fishes Only". Perhaps they will include bikes too now that Route I is about to open.

MICHAEL WOODS



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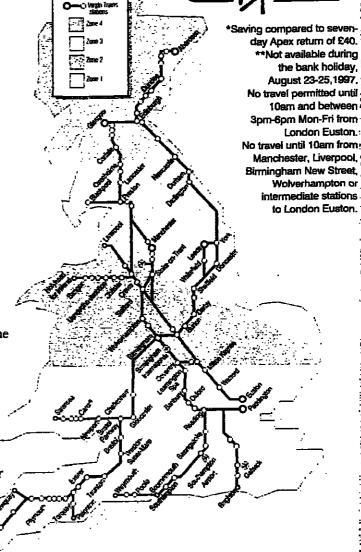
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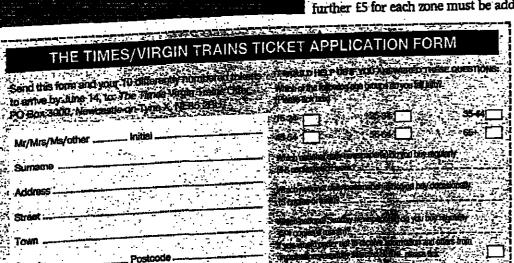
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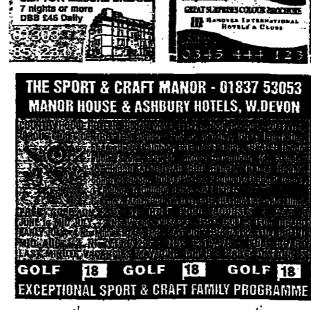
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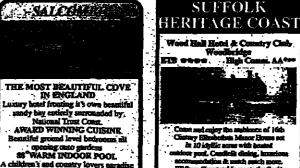
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Carlo Carlo



### by Raymond Keene

GARRY KASPAROV finally blew an utter mystery why Kasparov his match against Deep Blue when, to the astonishment of all experts. he was obliterated in the sixth and final game. Even more amazingly. many of the moves were known theory and involved a dangerous piece sacrifice, which has been recognised for some time as giving

the white side a persistent attack. After less than an hour and with a mere 19 moves played, Kasparov, although nominally ahead on material with bishop, knight and rook against Deep Blue's queen and pawn, decided that his king was so

exposed that he resigned.

Kasparov's play in this game was unterly uncharacteristic. He chose a defence which he hardlyever adopts and which frequently gives Black a passive and defensive set-up. The IBM machine tore into Black's position with a powerful sacrifice and the human world champion seemed immediately

In fact, in this contest as a whole, Kasparov was by no means regularly outplayed by the machine. It was not so much Deep Blue's strength which defeated Kasparov as the knowledge that he was facing a tireless opponent, ready to exploit any tactical error which he did make. This led Kasparov to try uncharacteristic openings of which he did not have a perfect grasp. Paradoxically, IBM's victory. was more of a psychological tri-umph than a technical one.

White: Deep Blue, Black: Garry Kasparov Game 6, New York, May 1997. Caro-Kann Defence

e4 c5 2 d4 d5 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nd7 Ng5 Ng6 6 Bd3 e6 N163 h6

This has been condemned for years, with 7 ... Bd6 being the correct move, eg, 8 Qe2 h6 2 Ne4-Nxe4 10 Qxe4 Nf6-11 Qe2 with: approximate equality in Kamsky-Karpov, FIDE World Champion ship, Elista 1996. 8 Nixe6

The point is that the immediate 8 fee allows 9 Bg6+ Ke7, with Black's king margored in the centre and his pieces virtually incapable of being developed. It is

tried to resuscitate this condemned

8 ... Qe7 9 0-0 1xe6 10 Bg6+ Kd8 11 Bf4 b5

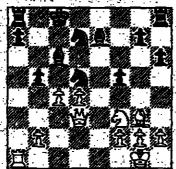
One of the games which resulted in the condemnation of this line was Geller-Meduna, Sochi 1986, which continued: 11... Qb4 12a3 Qxb2 13 Qe2 Nd5 14 Bd2 and White went on to win in 36 moves. Of course, all of this work.
Blue's database. this would have been in Deep

In view of this thrust, opening up the a-file for White's attack, even 11 . b6 might have been better than

Bb7 13 Re1 Nd5 KcB

Black's king tries to flee the danger zone, but this is really a futile gesture since White's raking bishop on g3 cuts off any hope of escape.

15 axb5 cxb5 16 Qd3 Bc6 17 Bf5 exf5 18 Rxe7 Bxe7 19 c4



White's 17th move swapped bishop and rook for Black's queen, but although Black still enjoys a modest material advantage, his position is so utienly disorganised that he cannot stem the flow of White's attack, eg. 19 bxc4 20 Qxc4 Kb7 21 Qao checkmate or 19 Nb4 20 Oxf5 bxc4 21 Ne5 Rd8 22 Nxc6 Nxc6 23 Qf4 with decisive gains.

Deep Blue 0 1 2 2 2 1 32

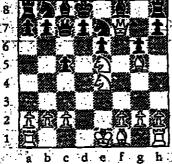
### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Saalbach -Pollmachern, Leipzig 1861.. Black's conduct of the opening has left much to be desired and now the white pieces are crawling all over his position. How did

White finish off? Send your answer on a post-card to *The Times*, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The first correct answer drawn on Toursday will win a year's subscription to the Staunton Society, which includes a free invitation to the annual dinner at Simpson's-inthe Strand. The answer will be published next Saturday.

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Last week's winner: A Mercado. Hornchurch, Essex



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The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Michael Challinor of Walton-on-the-Hill, Stafford

### **PUNCHLINE**

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine treproduced from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

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### **WORD** WATCHING By Philip Howard

GROAK

a. To sneak b. A frog c. To sponge ZZXJOANW

a. A drum b. A computer glitch c. A Hutu witch doctor

ABLIGURITION a. Foody excess b. Purification c. Denial on oath

JUBATE

a. Long-haired b. A canticle of juboilation c. Anti-Semitism

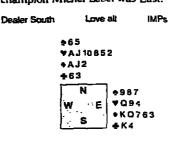
### BRIDGE

### by Robert Sheehan

TERENCE REESE'S great book on cardplay. The Expert Game, has just been reissued. 30 years after it was first published. The original edition discussed some concepts that had never previously been analysed, such as the Principle of Restricted Choice, and various forms of technical and deceptive play that are now commonplace in top class bridge.

I felt slightly sick when I saw the text had been "revised and enlarged by Barry Rigal" - rather like hearing that a new edition of the Bible has been updated and expanded by Jeffrey Archer. I was pleasantly surprised to see that Rigal's material fitted in well. though his writing doesn't always have Terence's terseness and rigour, I doubt Terence would have approved of the phrase "sew [sic] a seed of doubt". This defensive problem is one of

the new hands. The French world champion Michel Lebel was East.



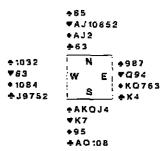
Pass Pass Pass Pass

Answers on page 21 Contract: Six Hearts by South

West led the four of diamonds, and declarer played low from dummy. East played the queen and South followed with the five. How should East defend? If you are stuck, a clue is that the hand occurs in a section headed "Creating Entry Trouble".

Lebel worked out that on a passive black suit return declarer would make twelve tricks easily. It seemed from his delayed support that the declarer would have king doubleton of hearts. He would draw trumps, play king and acc of hearts and ruff a heart, then cross to the diamond are to run the

To prevent this line of play, Lebel found the Greek gift of a diamond return into dummy's tenace, giving declarer a cheap trick, but taking away the entry to the heart suit. This was the full deal:



The declarer took the club finesse and tried to ruff a club, but Lebel overruffed for one down.

The book is not for beginners, but any serious player should have it in his library. I must have read the first edition a dozen times. The Expert Game is published

by Robert Hale at £9.99.

### **COMPUTER GAMES** AND PASTIMES

THERE is a so-so rugby joke from my school days which summed up my love of a winter sport in which you can get your teeth knocked out and catch hypothermia at the same time. Asked what position you played, the response was "Left-back - left-back in the changing room". On reflection it was more

wishful thinking than wisecrack.
The funny thing about Codemaster's latest release for the PlayStation, Jonah Lomu Rugby, is that it feels so humourless and delivers so few laughs. It is flat and limp, more mess than scrum. The graphics are not particularly appealing, the players too small for clarity and the controls feel as erratic as the on-field action they are driving. Then there is the dire commentary, another job which sounds like it was knocked off in a cupboard under the stairs. There are two commentators and one of them sounds uncannily like Sean Connery - which turns out to be the highlight of the title.

Now that rugby has progressed from being a British winter sport to find a year-round following on the world stage, there is demand for a good rugby sim. But we have been mightily spoilt by sports titles like Actua Soccer which have beefed up

Dark hour when 1 dn is suppressed by force (4) Support a nark's head before 'e gabs (7)

Let's return to the beer then run after thief (7)

Gravity finally changed to energy in scramble for

Old queen going round country and displaying lack

Sweetmeat is treat endlessly consumed in hall? On

Vehicle is trailed by unknown detective (4) Having one gin in exam is novel! (5) Back of cave still harbours eel in small hole (6)

Dead hand was troubling (5)

Island is altogether too oppressed (5)

wartime selection (6)

the contrary! (7)

football gaming into fast, thrilling experiences. These have raised our expectations but heighten the disappointment of the mediocre. Although released now for the PlayStation, Jonah Lomu Rugby will later come out on several other console formats including, most likely, the Sega Mega Drive.

It certainly feels well suited to on an old 16-bit machine. Fortunately for Codemasters one stinker will not spell their downfall, as their excellent Micro Machines V3 for the PlayStation continues to do brisk business and that really does live up to its 32-bit expectations. Of the 24,000 famous people featured in Chambers Biographies CD-Rom, Jonah Lomu is not one of them. Not is will carding. The nearest entries turned up in each case, searched alphabetically, are Fritz London, German-born Amer-

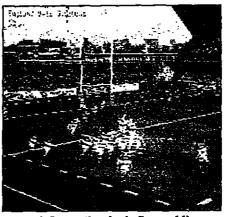
The title features the texts of several books but primarily the Chambers Biographical Dictionary. The resulting entries are best

9th Earl of Northumberland.

ican physicist, and Lucy, Countess

of Carlisle, the second daughter of

by Tim Wapshott



Jonah Lomu Rugby is flat and limp. more of a mess than a scrum

with 24,000 subjects the Windows CD-Rom does not feel very comprehensive. John Major creeps in, but not a word on Tony Blair.

Chambers Biographies on CD-Rom is part of the Liris Interactive reference series, of which some of the other titles fare a good deal better. In contrast the Chambers Dictionary on CD-Rom is solid. with an extensive 500,000 word and phrase database, as are Harrap's Shorter English-French dictionary and Harrap's Dictionaire Multilingue, which covers 18 languages. Kingfisher's Learning Explorer is aimed at children and includes the texts of five books, such as an encyclopaedia and the Book of Words. The menu is colourful and inviting but there are some shortcomings. Look up poets and you can easily print out their potted biographies but not the examples of their work, even though most are

clearly out of copyright. The biggest problem with computing is that manuals are impossible to understand. No matter how much you want to put your purchases

one of the instruction book and most eyes invariably glaze over. Indeed, of the many splendid cheap children's laptops around I have yet to find one with a manual written with a child user in mind.

Computer Bookshops, based in Birmingham, specialises in importing no-nonsense manuals. The At A Glance series from Microsoft

Press is especially good as it assumes the reader knows nothing and understands even less. Two newcomers to the large paperback range in the UK, Windows 95 and Windows NT, spell everything out step-by-step with rare clarity and an abundance of illustrations.

Finally, a request from reader Hamish Macleod of Edinburgh who wants to play the challenging oriental game of Go. He said: "The best way to learn would seem to be by playing against the computer. with the rules explained in the process. It seems almost as complicated as chess but, as there are many satisfactory computer versions of chess, surely the Japanese have produced a version of Go?"

If you know of a suitable title to meet Hamish's needs, please write in. As usual, please keep all your letters and Top Tips coming to: Computer Games and Pastimes. Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

This week's Top Tip. winning him a Microsoft ritles, comes from Mr A. McKay of Cardiff: "Enable your PC to control household appliances by purchasing a trained Capuchin monkey from a bankrupt circus and teaching it to follow simple on-screen commands.

### THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

### No 3410: Poison and Antidote by Arachne

#### IN HALF the lights, answers are entered normally, but a letter must be removed from each of their clues before they can be solved. Taken in clue order, these superfluous letters spell out two sources treated as poison and antidote by the remaining name, who was born 125 years ago Six further unclued lights are thematically linked. The clues to the remaining lights are normal but yield answers which are not to be entered in the diagram: solvers must deduce their substitutes Numbers at the end of clues indicate the lengths of the corresponding lights. ACROSS Five beats, vivace, in bar (5)

No 1096

DOWN

2 The tarned Shrew (9)

stars (3.5)

5 Baby's biscuit (4)

7 Mountain pass (3)

11 Unspeakable (9)

20 Sinhad's hig bird (3)

21 Receptacle (3)

3 End: piece of advice (3)

4 Effect on light of receding

6 One of seven, inc. sloth (6.3)

13 Verdis hunchbacked jester

ACROSS

į,

| One gliding over ice (6) 5 Make smaller, subjugate (6) 8 On the summit of (4)

9 PM, Gladstone's opponent 10 To exile (6) 12 Tempt, entice (4) 15 Change of status ceremony

(4,2.7)16 Non-U(4) 17 Hang loosely (6)

19 Sideways (motion) (8)

21 Snack; attack with teeth (4)

22 Receive (6) 23 An unclean spirit (Mark 5); Roman army unit (6) SOLUTION TO NO 1095

ACROSS: I Argot 4 Deliver 8 Delight 9 Wigan 10 Trait 11 Mooted 13 On hand 15 Innate 18 Acumen 20 Blaze 22 Avian Zi Abscond 24 Tracery 25 Mayor DOWN: 1 Audition 2 Goliath 3 Tight 4 Do time 5 Low-down 6 Vague 7 Rink 12 Defender 14 Nomince 16 Anatomy 17 Un-19 China 20 Bosom 21 Cast

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I start to nitrogenise argon (difficult!), iodine and carbon — without the carbon! (7) Rabid teetotalism restricts thought (4)

Particular rector keeps sixth sense hidden (5) Roam around middle of Kelso to find mushrooms (6) The Northern lass confronts society: here are the facts (5)

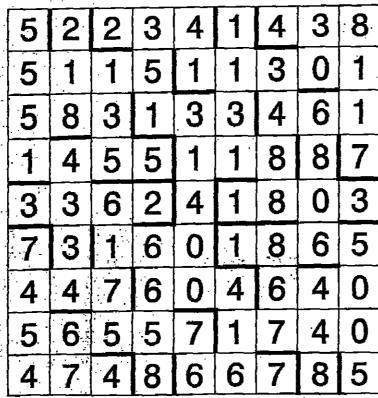
Bold female continually comes over (7) Academy Award? Hide it — it's tiny! (4) Quick witted royal Anne changes her home in the

Call my bluff with sang froid (7) Lose one's way, rant, then sheer lunacy finally brings one to rambling state (8) Holy man swallows mole and little fish (5) Who is pointlessly involved with bizarre rites? Not  $\frac{6}{2}$ Bacardi befuddled a mite (6) Tries to put an end to ridiculously vain follies (8)

With lack of feeling confederacy extremists imprison elderly liberal (5) At that point belonging to them it's said (4) Reincarnated, not born, hard beauty is sci-fi killer (8) Lying on the ground shovelling in limitless jelly is

disgusting (8) Vast numbers are sick in Jerusalem (7) Brahmin leaders hail Indian (7) Sot, by force stuck in routine, brings out bad liquor

Edge backwards, concealing Ecstasy pill in cavity (5) The French note les soft consonants (5) Place in India, we hear, where one buys plates, etc (4)

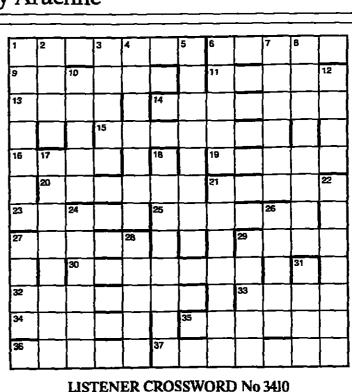


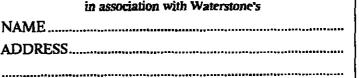
Solution to No 3407 Casting Out Nines by Oyler

The clues and diagram numbering may appear at first glance to be all wrong. However, on closer inspection and coupled with the puzzle title. solvers should be able to deduce that the puzzle is set not in base 10 but in base 9 arithmetic in which it is consistent throughout. In this number base squares and fourth powers end in the digits 0. 1. 4 or 7 while cubes end in 0.1 or 8 and prime numbers cannot terminate in 0.

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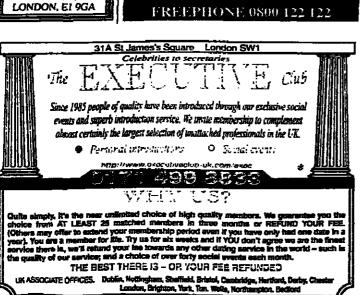
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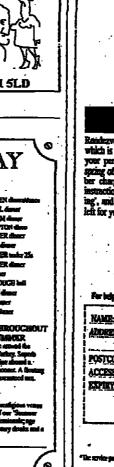
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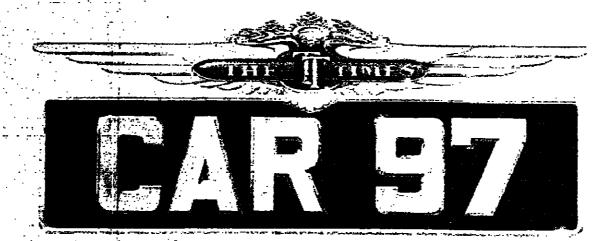




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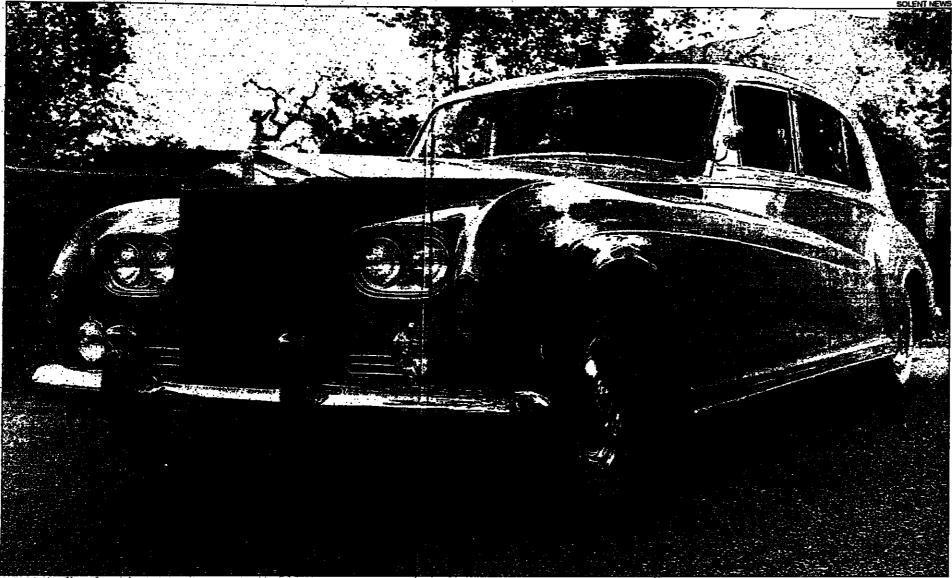


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SATURDAY MAY 17 1997

What else for the King but a car fit for royalty? Now Elvis's Phantom V is being restored in Britain, reports Kevin Eason



Elvis paid the list price of £6,335 for what was the ultimate luxury limousine in 1963, then spent another £2,000 personalising the Phantom with his own essential equipment

# A legendary rocker's Roller

the madding crowd, the car with the magic carpet ride is fit for a King ...

of rockin roll, anyway.

The young Elvis Presley might have been "All Shook Up, ahuhu" on disc, but not on the road when he was being transported in his glorious Rolls-Royce. Even if a draught did manage- to disturb his carefully Brylcreemed quiff, there was no need for the King to worry about his crown: a brush was handily secreted in the armrest of the huge Phan-

Don Fisk found the brush at the start of an eight-month restoration of the Phanton, which has currously found its way back to Britain 34 years after Elvis bought it.

The car went through a mysterious period when we don't really know where it was," says Don, who is carrying out the £16,000 restoration with his brother. Trevar. "It came to us through a contact who we have done other restorations for notably the James Bond Aston Martin DB5. We are only a couple of weeks from . completion, and this is a beautiful car."

The Phantom is now owned by a wealthy Arab who wanted to bring it back to the condition enjoyed by Elvis as he toured the United States in, what was in 1963, the ultimate hoxury limousine. Rolls-Royce only made the Phantom series for royalty and heads of state. though Elvis clearly qualified by virtue of the fact that he had more loyal subjects around the world than most royalty could

lay claim to. The King sat in luxury in the rear compartment, separated from his chauffeur by a glass screen as he reclined on plush dark green velour upholstery. We've searched for signs of him

but only found some handwipes

from Cincinatti'

Elvis, who gave his address on the logbook as 3764 Highway, 51 South, Memphis, Tennessee, paid the list price of £6,335 but then spent another £2,000 personalising the car with his own essential equipment.

The hairbrush slides delicately into the centre armrest of the rear seat and is finished in the same oak veneer as the dashboard and rear console, which in itself, is a world of

The centre panel has an intercom and telephone. which is intriguingly a neon red and has a key lock, suggesting that either Elvis had a hotline to the White Hoose or Colonel Tom Parker. Elvis's infamous and feared manager, was trying to keep the phone bills down.

The centre armrest also housed a decanter and crystal glasses where, no doubt, the King ensured a ready supply of liquid refreshment, though there is no sign of a separate compartment for storing the hamburgers for which he apparently had a passion.

bviously there had to be music - in desperation, the driver could hit the horn button and five bugles; under the bonnet play Colonel Bogey. He probably fancied something with a little more beat though, and the King of rock n roll apparently spent his hours in the back of his huge limousine listening to the latest sounds - possibly even

his own lyrical ditties — from that icon to technological failure: the eight-track stereo. Elvis would have had room to do The Twist or Mashed Potato in the back of the gigantic Roller. "It is huge," says Don. "You could practi-cally hold a dance in the back, there's so much room to

stretch out." Unfortunately, there were no cassettes with the car to complete the period feel of a motor born in an altogether less complex age when the Rolls-Royce was a car only bought by the upper crust. Elvis was obviously among the upstarts of the Sixties who not only had the cash but the international clout to demand a limousine whose armchairlike seats would normally never have been within a country mile of a denim-clad

"We've searched the interior for any more signs of Elvis but the only thing we could find was some handwipes from Cincinatti. The carpet is an inch thick, so you can wiggle your toes in it. This car is real luxury," says Don. "We don't know how much it would be worth, but there is a chance the Phantom will go back to the United States where there are probably lots of collectors who would like to get their hands on it. If that is the case, the sky's the limit for the

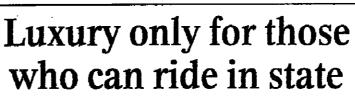
Originally blue, the car has been repainted in silver, 15 new coats applied at the Fisk brothers' garage in Brasted, Kent. After 1,000 hours of work, the Phantom's veneer and upholstery have been renewed so that once again the limousine would be fit for a King. And if he's reading this, perhaps he would like to get in touch so that he could sample the delights of his gorgeous Rolls-Royce once again.



"You could practically hold a dance in the back, there's so much room." says Don Fisk



Added extras: crystal decanter and glasses -- and a neon red telephone with a key lock



describe Rolls-Royce's mighty Phantom V and the one which

recurs is simply: huge.
Two inches short of 20ft long, the
Phantom was built to serve the high and mighty on those state occasions after motorised transport overtook more leisurely progress by coach and horses.

Rolls-Royce restricted sales of Phantom IV series to royalty and heads of state so would-be limousine owners had to be content with the Silver Wraith. In 1959, Rolls introduced a new 6.2-litre V8 engine. which allowed the company to

discontinue the Silver Wraith and update the Phantom series. The result was the Phantom V.

which - with bodywork by Park Ward — could seat seven in ultimate comfort while the V8 could still propel the huge body to a top speed of more than 100mph and match the acceleration of its smaller sister

The cars are still seen carrying members of the Royal family. Rolls-Royce has discontinued the Phantom series now, acknowledging that the golden age of the state limousine is probably over. Not even pop stars



King of the road in the Sixties: Elvis with his Phantom

### The eternal Elvis

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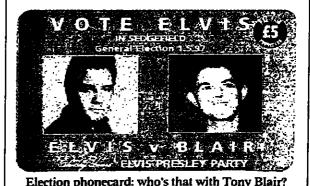
Twenty years after his death, fans are as devoted - one in London is Chinese because diners of all ages recognise the hits such as

house Rock. Sid Shaw, Britain's most niamous Elvis fan, even believes the Elvis Presley

party should have won the

election. The latest piece of memorabilia on sale at his shop, Elvisly Yours. in Shoreditch, east London, features phonecards with Elvis head-to-head

Shaw's Elvis manifesto: it Elvis karaoke intermission Forte Hotels to be renamed Heartbreak Hotels and the leader of the Opposition to Question Time.



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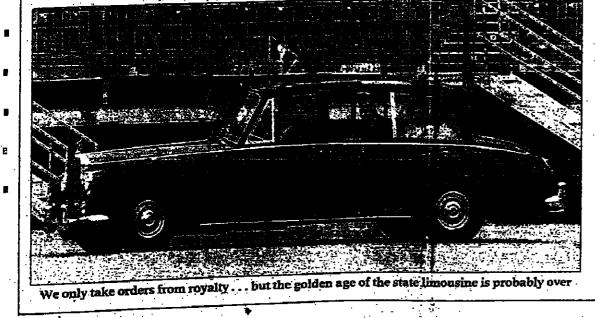
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# Don't judge a book by its cover charge

free service the other day. Those of you whose cars do not get serviced for nothing will be green with envy, purple with rage and all those other cliches with colours in them, because whereas you have to pay for your servicing. my "free" service only cost me E185.35 including VAT. So now half of you are feeling a

lot better, whereas the other half. those who share with me the enormous benefit of a car deal which includes free servicing, will be nodding sagely. You too have the vague feeling that the dictio-nary has misdefined "free", when free servicing that you pay for is perfectly legal and above board. It just makes you want to spit.

When I bought said car it came with a little servicing booklet. its

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cover emblazoned with letters an inch high saying: "Free for Life!" Below that, in half-inch capital letters, are the words "Service and MoT. These words are repeated in the top right corner of the service booklet's cover. Inside the booklet there are each, in very small letters - less than one-twelth the size of those on the cover - are the words: "Offer applies to labour only ..."

Now this did not come as a great shock, for I knew before I bought the car that "free service" meant "free labour", though I was well into making the deal before this became apparent. I should also stress, since regular readers will know that I drive a Ford, that the servicing offer is from the dealer not the manufacturer.

The fact remains that as well as having "Free for Life Service and MoT" on the service book cover, these words are also emblazoned on the outside of the dealer's premises in letters so large I would need Fireman Sam's ladder to measure them. One can reasonably assume that some customers

Main (564) Dealer Free Service & Mot



are drawn to the forecourt by an offer that only tells half the story. There are mitigating factors. The actual cost of my service is not really relevant, because it included relatively expensive work (brake drums) which would not need replacing as part of a normal service. And there is the definition of the word service, which dealers

seem to apply to the actual work, ie the labour, as opposed to the parts needed to carry out the work.

But how much am actually saving by having the dealer carry the labour charge? The service I had this week was a big one, at 38,000 miles, but the ope before was a straightforward iC000-mile service with 27,000 miles on the

clock. I took the car in, went for a walk and collected it just over an

hour later The Ford main agent I use charges labour at £39.75 per hour plus VAT, so I "saved" a total of £46.70. But the dealer is 15 miles from my home, so the round trip cost me nearly a gallon of petrol. The more recent service involved having a courtesy car: this cost me £10, because many dealers no longer insure their customers as part of their fleet insurance.

Had I taken the car to my local garage, a 10-minute walk from home, I would have paid a labour charge of £26.80 per hour plus VAT, a total of £31.49. So the saving represented by free labour is worth having, but hardly spectacular, taking into account the inconvenience of having to use main agents.

However it is the presentation that miggles. The car industry is fiercely competitive as to market share. Every salesperson knows that getting putative customers on to the forecourt is half the battle, so the enticing offer of "free" servicing is a key marketing strategy. I think some dealers are being a little free with the word free.

THIS week I discovered the ultimate in mini-roundabouts. Needing to retrace my steps (the motoring euphemism for being lost), I was pleased to spot a mini-roundabout, only to find it was impossible to circumnavigate the damned thing without stopping halfway and putting the car in reverse. Another triumph for the road safety fascists.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Hatching open the excitement

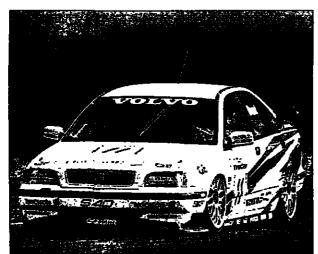
THRILLS and spills go live on television for the first time this weekend as the British Touring Car Championships hit Brands Hatch. The series has replaced Formula One as the premier motorsport on BBC good news for motorsport fans because touring cars offers more excitement per mile than almost any other type of

racing.
That has been proved so far with the factory-based teams battling for the points, including our Volvo S40 Racing, the team managed by TWR, which also runs Damon Hill's FI Arrows car. We are following the fortunes of the Volvos, with Kelvin Burt and Rickard Rydell at the wheel, with

hopes of a first win of the

season this weekend. Brands remains one of the quickest and most thrilling circuits of the season, and Burt and Rydell will be in for a tough challenge, particularly with the Renault Lagunas, prepared by Williams, and Honda Accords going well. plus the return to form of Frank Biela, the reigning champion in his formidable four-wheel-drive Audi A4.

So it's all to play for - watch for the S40s, complete with The Times logo on the rear Cpillar, as they sweep the Kent circuit. BBC is screening the first race tomorrow live at 12.25pm and the second at 3.30pm in Grandstand.



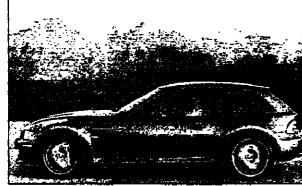
Volvo S40 Racing: hopes of a first win this weekend

■ JEEP has recalled 19,000 Cherokee models to check for stress fractures in the steering mechanism. The American company wants owners to bring in all vehicles made between January, 1993, and the last of the 1996 model year to be checked and any fault rectified free by dealers.

■ NO STOPPING the rise of motorcycle sales, up 52 per cent in April over the same month last year. Scooters and superbikes are the extreme ends of the spectrum doing best, and the Motor Cycle Industry Association says the new Government's attitude to motorcycles as a way to beat congestion could boost sales even further.

**■**THERE is still time to book for the Goodwood Festival of Speed, which takes place on June 20, 21, and 22 in the grounds of the heautiful house owned by Lord March in Sussex. The line-up of star cars grows by the day. Booking office is on 01243-787766.

THE organisation that sells personalised numbers to motorists has ... changed its number. The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency takes an average 7,000 calls a week on its telesales hotline, now on 01792-773366 and open Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. The DVLA raised £37 million selling personalised registrations



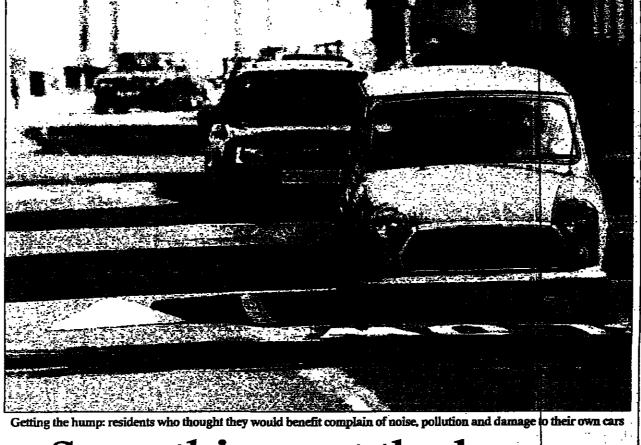
BMW Z3 coupe: space-age shape with 155mph potential

### BMW puts a lid on the Z3

THIS WILL be hot — very hot. BMW is close to launching the coupé derivative of its delectable Z3 sports car, and the tin top version promises to be a

BMW is keeping details under wraps, but says that the car will get the 3.2-litre sixcylinder from the M3 which offers 321 brake horse power. That should be enough for a top speed of 155mph with a 0-60mph time of below six

Oddly, the addition of a hard top seems to have metamorphosed the shape into something more space age than the almost retro-styling of the Z3. No news on deliveries yet, but you can start saving now to get one on the drive at the end of next year.



# Smoothing out the lumps

the dreaded road hump, hated by many motorists, passengers and cyclists, is under attack from the people it is supposed to protect: residents of streets where speeding vehicles are thought to be a hazard.

Campaigns to iron out the humps and prevent new ones from being installed have been launched by residents groups around Britain, especially in London where all 32 boroughs have spent millions of pounds on "traffic calming" measures. Critics claim the humps create extra noise and pollution. damage their own cars and generally cause more trouble than they are worth.

Road users, who have found

themselves powerless, are hitting back with a series of legal actions. In a settlement thought to be the largest so far, Southwark Council in London has paid £2,000 to a pensioner who suffered minor injuries and saw his moped wrecked after hitting a poorly marked hump. The entire concept of putting in road humps for safety reasons is at fault." says Brian Simpson, chairman of Carm, the Campaign against Road-hump Madness. "They are more likely to cause acci-

dents than prevent them. "In my area of north London one old lady tripped over a hump and fell while trying to cross the road and a woman cyclist needed stitches in a face wound after hitting an exceptionally high one. Passengers with back problems and other injuries suffer considerable pain when jolted over them." Simpson, an occupational psychologist has led a spirited compaign against Haringey council after humps were installed in the Miltons area of

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Traffic calming has led to so much anger that many councils are having to think again, reports Tony Dawe

Highgate. "The humps had been put in without any justification," he says. "There had been no accidents, no evidence of speeding or rat-running." To make matters worse, 27

of the 35 humps were illegally and dangerously high. After months of deliberation, and compensating some motorists for damaged exhaust pipes, the council finally agreed to reduce the ramp gradients and to further consultation which might just lead to the removal

of the humps. In many districts, traffic calming can prove successful

schemes on a rat-run through an Exeter council estate and in Yeovil reduced accidents and casualties. Motoring organisations, aware of these benefits, have been reluctant to criticise the schemes, but stress that councils should think carefully about installing them and make sure

humps are not too high. Islington Council in north London is one authority that has agreed to remove humps after local protests. Tony Dikan, a council spokesman, explains: "We expected more



Tony Blackmore: two-year wait for a £2,000 settlement

traffic to use Margery Street, a busy rat-rum into the West End, after installing humps in a neighbouring square. But residents protested that postal vans driving over the ramps on their way to the Mount Pleasant softing office late at

night were making a clattering noise and disturbing them." Wandsworth council in south London has even withdrawn plans to instal humos on five roads in Putney. Officials will consult residents instead about alternatives".

William Hatau, a publisher who lives in one of the affected roads, says: "Most people agree that himps cause pollution, noise and discomfort to drivers. There are better mea-sures, like mini roundabouts and road narrowing, to reduce speed and accidents." Council officials in Glastonbury, Somerset, have turned a deaf ear, however, to the pleas

director, who complained that humps on the way to the crematorium were scraping the exhaust of his vintage Daimler hearse, bouncing the coffins and crushing the top hats of pall bearers. The biggest victory in the battle against the humps has been won by Tony Blackmore. a south London pensioner, who sued Southwark Council for failing to paint markings

on his moped in poor visibility. He was thrown off and left with minor injuries and a £600 repair bill to the scooter. For two years, Southwark denied negligence but a week before the case was due in court, the council offered him a £2,000 settlement. "I thought

on a road hump which he hit

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LONDON A1209 Bethnal Green Road. Long-term roadworks between Vallence Boad and Cambridge Heath Road. A306, Hammersmith Bridge. Closed both ways to general traffic. B450 Ladbroke Grove, Kensal Green. Long south-

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main work near Dean Lane
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tion 7 down to a single A19 south of York, Longtem roadworks with various tane closures at Fulford

interchange. A61 Tankersley, South Yorkshire. Contratiow near M1 junction 36 with no exit from Tankersley on to A61. A19 north of Newcastle. Reduced to one lane both ways between Moor Farm Roundabout (A189) and Killingworth for major

M1 West Yorkshire, Major roadworks continue around the Leeds junction with lane closures and speed restrictions. Delays on the M1, M621 and Dewsbury

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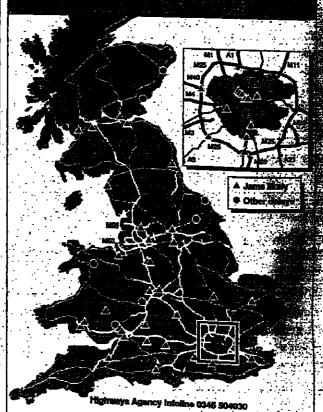
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# 'I can't believe that little car goes so fast'

Dareh Gregorian watches the rally version of Ford's Ka win prizes for

the drivers and praise from the

crowds at the Manx championship

would combine "functionality value safety, and security. There was nothing in the fine print about going round a

corner sideways. Ford's little Ka was designed to look outrageous but tackle city streets in comfort. But Ford simply couldn't resist the challenge of turning the Ka into a rally hot-rod and there it was last weekend, getting all the "oohs" and "aahs" at the Manx Rally Championship as it battled between the massed ranks of MGs and Porsches. One spectator, probably ex-pecting a family runabout, was taken aback by the sight of a squat little rally Ka with its new decals. "It looks like a little rocket," he said.

The Ka is not big, not loud, not that powerful, but the babysized, bubble-shaped car, considered more of a shopping trolley than a racing car, finished first in its class in its first Tarmac rally on the Isle of Man, weeks after it finished second in the gravel-roaded first stage of the Mintex National Rally in Scotland.

The rally Ka's small body makes it look and feel as if it is going faster than it is, but the suspension handled all the island offered - winding, tight roads, hilly, rugged terrain, bad weather and sharp turns - without much problem. "It was excellent," said the winning driver, Gethin Jones. "It's the best handling car I've driven."

Andrea Hall, the top woman finisher who captured the Teleflorist Coup-des-Dames trophy, also praised the handling, calling it "brilliant, even with the wet roads".

The rally roadster was also a hit with the hundreds of spectators who braved the wind, rain and cold to line the different stages of the race. I can i believe that little car

is going so fast." said one. The drivers are crazy," said

a third. Crowds gathered round the mighty mite, with its radical design and massive Ka decals. even before the race, and curious onlookers would peer into the stripped-down body with looks of confusion and

Ford is hoping this eyecatching "little rocket" will take off as an affordable introduction to rallying. With optional power steering, the Ka costs around £8,000, and Ford's rally kit costs another £8,000 plus VAT. You can around tight corners at high install the kit yourself, or pay speeds, it is much more fun.

The brochure said it about £2,000 in labour to get it done by a mechanic.

While the kit is expensive, it offers something unique for rallying: an adjustable suspension system that allows the car to run on both gravel and Tarmac with a minimal amount of inskering. Also included are new brake pads, a stronger clutch, a rollcage, sump shield, gripper seats, tachometer and plumbed extinguishers, while a high-lift cam raises the standard 60bhp to 75 and a shorter final-drive ratio helps the car accelerate more quickly.

assembled, you'll national and international rallies, with the chance to pick up points and cash prizes in the

1.3 group A5 class.
Ford is also trying to entice customers with its own subchampionship, offering cash prizes for the top Ka finishers. There are now five rally Kas running, and Ford is confident that the number will grow to about 40 next year. The company is aiming to have around 300 rally. Kas racing around the world by 1999.

"It's very exciting and very exhilarating," says Kevin Shortis co-ordinator of the Rally Ka Championship for Ford MotorSport. "We've got a great reaction to them. Since the car itself was only introduced last October, we didn't have a lot of time to get the rally kit ready. By the time it was done, most people already had cars for this season. We're making more improvements and I think there will be a lot more out there next year. I've already had about 200 inquiries from around the world.

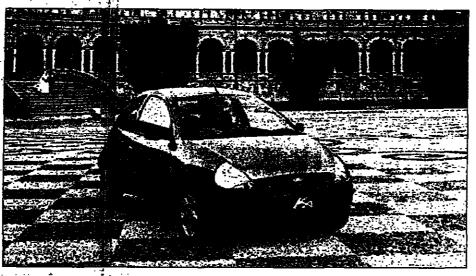
Among the improvements will be a more powerful engine, enabling the car to reach faster speeds. The Ka hit a maximum of 105mph at the offered by the non-rally ver sion, but Ford would like to

nudge that figure higher. "But we don't want to make it too powerful. This is a car that beginners can learn to rally in." Shortis says. "Sometimes with a faster car, all you learn is how to crash faster. We want our Ka drivers to learn how to handle the speed instead of letting the speed

handle them." And while the rally Ka might be less practical and comfortable than its civilian predecessor, when it comes to careering



With company hopes that it will take off as an affordable introduction to rallying — you can install the kit yourself — the rally Ka is drawing inquiries from all over the world



### A different kind of success

FOR A WHILE, it looked as though Ford's bold experiment was going to fall flat. The Ka arrived last year in one of the glitziest launches the motor industry has seen, with stars of stage, screen and fashion magazine rounded up to lend their glamour, writes Kevin Eason.

Ka needed the jush because its radical styling apparently caught the buying public off-guard. Traditionally unadventuruous. punters didn't fancy parting with their money on something that looks like a cross between a bubble car and a Tooka toy.

Sales languished for a long time, a slightly worrying proposition for Ford given that it has a factory geared up to make up to 240,000 of the things annually. Fortunately for Ford though, familiarity is breeding a less sceptical

buyer and sales are climbing fast now. Sales in April were up to their highest monthly total at more than 1,000 and Ford has shifted nearly

7,000 so far this year in Britain. According to dealers, the hardest part is getting potential customers behind the wheel; once there though, they fall for the car's brilliant interior styling — all done by Ford in Britain at Dunton. Essex — and the car's

Certainly, Ford does not deserve to fail with the Ka. Though the 1.3-litre engine is about as new-fangled as flared trousers, the styling decision was brave and answers exactly the question most often posed by the car cynics: why do all cars look the same? They don't -

# Members of Ford's family who ran with the fast set

(ake one family car, dismande, then add a spicy engine, tough suspension and a touch of zest for the bodywork - and you have a rally car, writes Kevin Eason.

Ford has used the recipe for turning humble hatchbacks and solid saloons into tracktearing rally racers for years. The little Escort has been one of the most fearsome challengers on the rally circuit, helping Bjorn Walde-gaard to his World Rally

Championship in 1979, while

Ford took the manufacturers

Ford appeared in the earliest days of rallying, the company's enthusiasm for motorsport sharpened when a Ford V8 powered home in 1936 to win the Monte Carlo Rally. That V8 was one of the most extraordinary cars ever to compete, driven and redesigned by the Romanians Zamfirescu and Cristea. They linked the steering to the front brakes so that the car slid around corners rather than being steered it obviously worked, though Ford did not

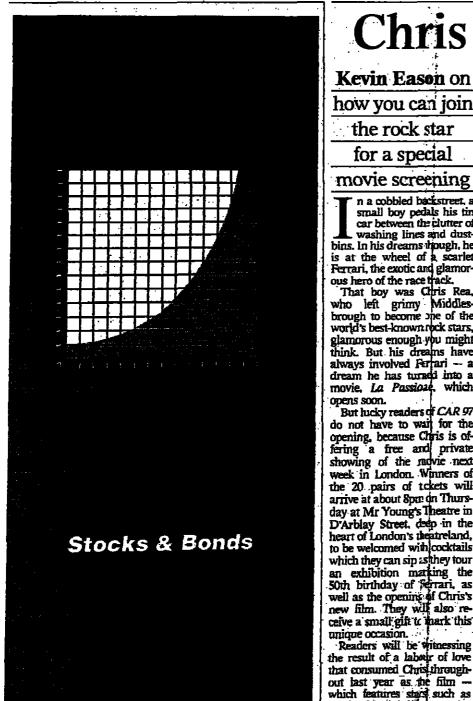
take them up on the system.



Escort rally version: fearsome challenger on the circuit

The Lotus Cortina, probably the first car Ford decided to "soup-up" for production, appeared in the Sixties, but the Escort has been the star with its RS (Railye Sport) badge and engines from Cosworth.

The list of winning drivers is Makinen, Ari Vatanen, Didier Auriol and Carlos Sainz among the successful legions who have helped to make Ford a motorsport legend.



# Chris Rea's driving passion

Kevin Eason on how you can join

the rock star

for a special

movie screening n a cobbled backstreet, a small boy pedals his tin car between the clutter of washing lines and dustbins. In his dreams though, he is at the wheel of a scarlet

Ferrari, the exotic and glamorous hero of the race track. That boy was Chris Rea, who left grimy Middlesbrough to become one of the world's best-known rock stars, glamorous enough you might think. But his dreams have always involved Ferfari -- 2 dream he has turned into a

opens soon. But lucky readers of CAR 97 do not have to wait for the opening, because Chris is offering a free and private showing of the movie next week in London. Winners of the 20 pairs of tekets will arrive at about 8pm on Thursday at Mr Young's Theatre in D'Arblay Street, deep in the heart of London's theatreland, to be welcomed with cocktails which they can sip as they tour an exhibition making the 50th birthday of Ferrari, as well as the opening of Chris's new film. They will also receive a small gift to thank this progression. unique occasion.

Readers will be witnessing the result of a labour of love that consumed Christhroughout last year as the film which features stars such as Shirley Bassey — progressed.

The image of the Shark-nose Ferrari and this incredi-

bly exotic driver called Wolf-

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around the world."

Chris's awakening to the mag-

ic of Ferrari. Growing up as

the son of an Italian who ran

an ice-cream shop in Middles-

and the replica Sharknose Ferrari, above, built for the film

A scene from La Passione, recreating Rae's love of Ferrari

indelible memory for me when brough, Ferrari was a feature I was a child," he says. "It of the household alongside the development of the music sparked a passion which has never died, and what makes Ferrari unique is the fact that it inspires this devotion among people of all types, classes, status, colours and creeds La Passione tells the story of

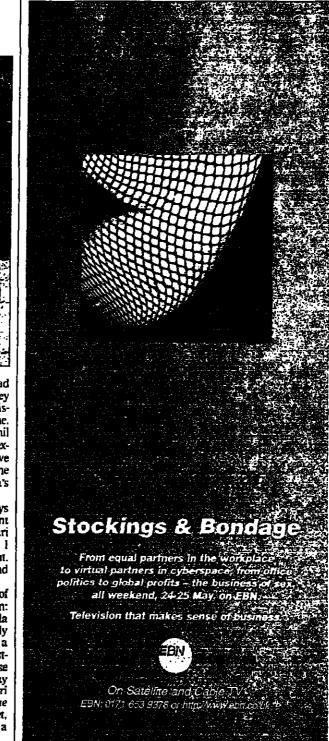
which eventually made Chris famous as he sold millions of albums around the world. La Passione allows him to marry music and cars with Chris writing a soundtrack for the film, which is also being released as an album.

To ensure authenticity. Chris had a replica of the famous Sharknose made for

the film because none had survived even though they were among the most charismatic race cars of their time. The car was shown to Phil Hill, Ferrari's American exworld champion who drove the original Sharknose, and he was astonished by the replica's accuracy.

"He was taken aback," says Chris. But he proves the point that people touched by Ferrari never forget. That is what I wanted this movie to be about. To let other people understand this passion.

To qualify to win a pair of tickets, answer this question: Name the British Formula One driver who won his only world championship in a Ferrari. Answers on a postcard only to reach us by close of working day on Tuesday May 20, addressed to Ferrari Competition, CAR 97, The Times, 1. Pennington Street, London El 9XN. Please give a daytime telephone number.



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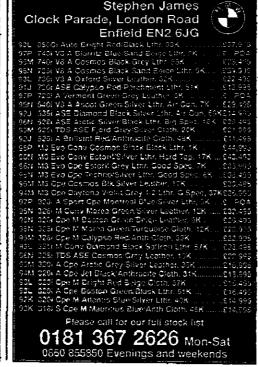
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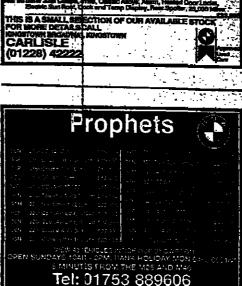




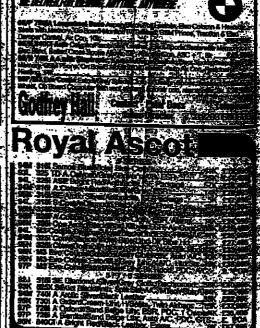




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sessed its requirements for the British Army's lorry fleet. One

view was that it needed to consider a new breed of high

performance truck that could

dash across country — on and

off roads — to support fast-moving tanks. It would have

to carry about nine tons of ammunition or fuel, be able to

reach at least 70mph, acceler-

are to 60mph in less than 60

seconds and pound over ap-

palling country at 40mph or more. It would have to be exceptionally tough — and versatile enough to take on

The big problem was money. The MoD did not

want to sink millions of

pounds into the development of a super-sophisticated piece of advanced technology. So the

MoD's Defence Evaluation

and Research Agency (Dera)

came up with the idea of

designing a new, very rigid chassis but attaching standard

automotive components to it.

strator not a development vehicle, says Alan Arnott, principal technical consultant,

who has been involved with

the programme; worth ap-

proximately £2 million, from

its conception. But it shows just what can be done by

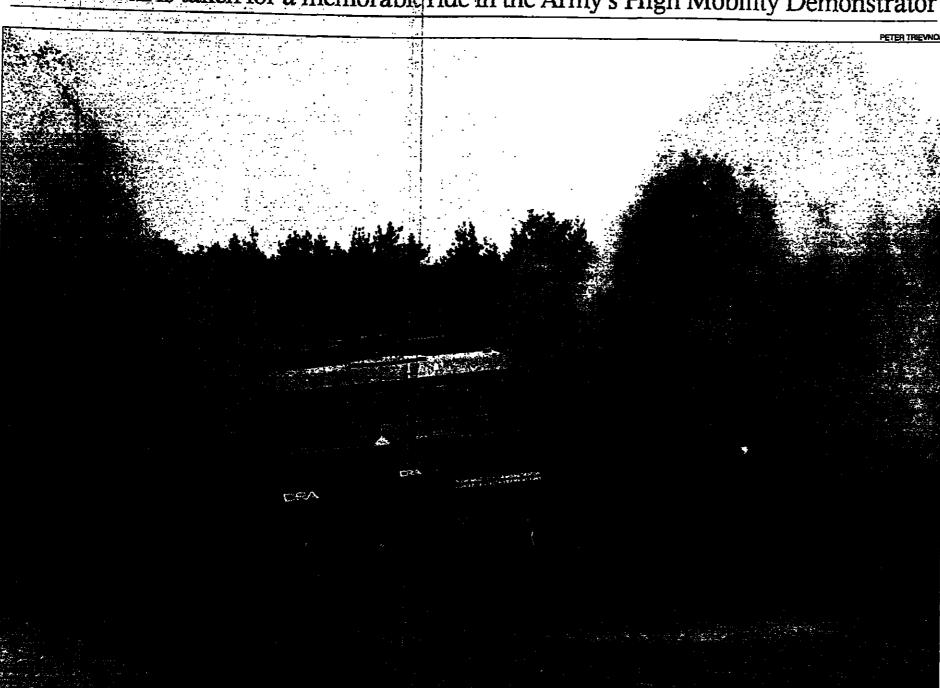
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### HMD SPECIFICATION

Engine: Cummins six-cylinder, 10-litre 350bhp turbocharged and intercooled diesel (used to power many trucks including

and Leyland).

Transmission: Eaton, with nine forward

Leyland-DAF).

Tyres: Michelin 475/80R20 XML with

Brakes: Rockwell Dura-Master inboard discs (also on Timoney fire/crash tender). Wabco six-channel anti-lock system (Wabco supplies anti-lock brakes for many manufacturers, including Land Rover).

Equipment: Air-conditioning and nuclear, biological and chemical protection by Howden Aircontrol (who make airconditioning and nuclear fallout, biological and chemical protection equipment for the Challenger battle tank).

Performance: 0-60mph in 53 seconds, top speed 70mph.

Economy: Fuel consumption on-road about 5mpg; off-road 3-4mpg.

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hauling its bulk up the opposite bank, water streaming from its wheels and chassis as it set off again. Not surprising ly, Blake says he enjoys his

> But fun though all this may be, the HMD - officially a combat support and resupply vehicle — is a very serious project. Arnott, Steven Goldsack, senior engineer and Phil Dandy, project manager, have overseen its design at Dera, followed by construction by Ricardo Special Vehicles. Although off-the-shelf proven components have been used,

they had not been designed, so a great deal of proving work is needed. "Our job is to demonstrate that the concept is feasible and that is what we

he Army's last purpose-designed mobilvehicle was the Stalwart. But from the Eighties, the job has been done by eight-ton trucks, which are fine provided they are on reasonable road surfaces, but the Gulf war pointed up their limitations. A highly ecialised vehicle like the Stalwart would cost about £300,000 at today's prices. A production version of the HMD might be built for £130,000-£150,000. But there is no suggestion it will go into production; its role is just to evaluate modern technologies.

It is a versatile vehicle, able to carry a variety of loads. It can also operate as an ambulance or personnel carrier. The cab is modular to facilitate the rapid switch from right to left hand drive - ideal when crossing to Calais from Dover. It has an all-wheel steer capability at low speeds, with the rear pair moving in the opposite plane to the front four. Minimum turning circle is less than 43ft. Tyre pressures are controlled and monitored in the cabin and automatically inflate depending on speed. It will wade through nearly 6ft of water and can be tucked inside a C130 Hercules transport aircraft.

Although some aspects of the cab would be familiar to commercial truck drivers, on the left is a bank of switches with legends such as "Ether Injection", "Fuel Line Heater" and "Infra-red on/off". For rear view, there is an LCD monitor and high resolution. colour by day/monochrome by night, camera system. And something else which the cabs of Eddie Stobart's fleet don't boast - it is sealed against nuclear fallout and biological or chemical weapons.

### STEERING COLUMN

## A roundabout way to fame in Stoke-on-Trent

hen Chelsea run out for the Cup Final today one of their former players. Alan Hudson, might be looking on with a tinge of regret. The team reached the final when he was in the squad in 1970, but he did not play in either the first match at Wembley or the replay at Old Trafford, which Chelsea won 2-1. When he did get to play in a final — for Arsenal in 1978 - his team was beaten I-0 by Ipswich.

Hudson had a distinguished career with Stoke City, Chelsea and Arsenal in the Sixties and Seventies, but only played rwice for England, although many say he should have won more caps. He was in the same side as Peter Osgood, Terry Venables and George Graham.

How did you first learn to drive?

I was really taught by watching my brother crash his car. I learnt quite quickly what

What was your first car?

My father told a friend I had signed for Chelsea - I was only 18. He gave me a Renault - fairly old, but I thought it was very smart.

What car do you drive now? I've just got a Mercedes sports which I drive with

great care and pride. Do you enjoy driving?

I dislike driving in cities: it is just a nightmare. I do like driving in the countryside and often get up early and hit the motorways when they are empty.

What is your dream car?

At Chelsea we used to go to a restaurant in the Kings Road and the owner always parked his Corniche Convertible outside. He sometimes took me for a spin, and even let me drive it once.

hated car?

The Jam Sandwich -- a police car. I am forever checking in the mirror to make sure they aren't about. Alan Hudson,

the former

Chelsea and England star,

talks to

Alasdair Steven What is your worst habit

in a car?

I do not have bad habits in a car ... not when it's moving anyway. I have to say I am not against driving and talking on the mobile - especially if you are driving an automatic. I often think the concentration lapses far more easily when you are just driving along.

What infuriates you about other drivers?

The same as life: ignorance and selfishness. The casual Sunday motorist — of either sex — who is in no hurry and won't let you pass.

What is the most unusual thing you have done

I drove over a roundabout in Stoke-on-Trent once after an evening in the pub. The car was a write-off and I broke a hand. I gather the good people of Stoke have named the roundabout after me.

Have you any points on your

Not now, but I was banned many years ago. I actually enjoy walking or taking public transport.

What do listen to in the car?

Frank Sinatra, Willie Nelson. Jackson Browne, and Supertramp mostly. But I'm never far from a Sinatra disc.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

Remove all parking meters and throw clamps in the river. They just don't work. Certain areas should just be blocked off and everyone would have to use public



Alan Hudson: red card for clamps and parking meters

nents - the sort that are fitted to a wide variety of commercial vehicles — and using them to create a vehicle with very special capabilities."

John Blake, who has been test driving military vehicles for 25 years, showed me some of those capabilities at Dera's

winding, undulating tree-lined test track at Farnborough, Hampshire. In the HMD's cockpit, i settled into a hip-hugging rally car seat fitted with a full safety harness. Blake started the 10litre, 350bhp turbocharged in-

tercooled diesel engine: "Big-

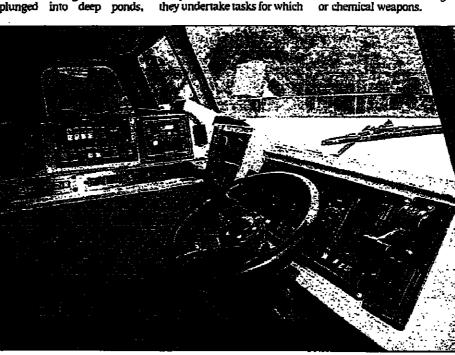
gest rally car in the world."

But rally cars on not generally come with sk-wheel drive, six-wheel steer; 4t 2in high Michelin XML tyres, ninespeed automatic transmission and weigh in a: 20 tons. Nor can the driving position be switched in 20 minutes from

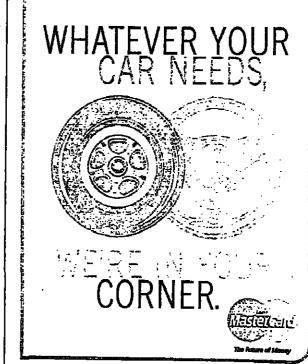
right to left hand drive. The throttle went to the floor, the giant engine growled and whined, and the HMD set off. Blake drove very quickly, very smoothly, controlling the monster through a tiny Momo steering wheel inbre in keeping with a Berari than a military vehicle. The Hydraeas suspension — distantly

related to that used on the MGF worked hard to smooth hollows as deep as shell holes and keep the HMD on track over a rutted, sandy surface. The automatic gearbox has a logic system so that manual override is rarely necessary, and giant inboard Rockwell disc brakes, aided by a six channel Wabco anti-lock system, kept things neatly

under control. Leaving a swirling dust cloud in its wake, the HMD swept through loose-surfaced corners with aplomb, slalomed down gradients and plunged into deep ponds,



Test driver John Blake calls it the "biggest rally car in the world", but ally cars don't have such cabin controls or protection against nuclear fallout and chemical weapons



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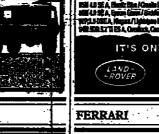
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rying to ger some where quickly in a diesel used to be a contest between anxious driver and recalcitrant machine. No matter how heavy your right foot the response was often sluggish.

But in its latest generation of turbo-diesel engines. Fiat has changed all that. You can drive these just as you might drive any of the company's petrol products; rev hard, use the gears and you get a motor raring to go. Once started, in the top-of-the-range Brava TD 100 ELX, there is not much to let you know you're driving a diesel at all.

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Despite that, the Primera has built a

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Mondeo/Vectra sector, underlined by

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The Brava TD offers high-mileage drivers low running costs with handling and performance says Alan Copps

these stylish-looking cars in both three (Bravo) and five (Brava) door form. In 1996 they sold a total of 22,000 here. The turbodiesels are aimed at high-mileage drivers who want low running costs, with-out sacrificing handling or performance. The company expects them to help re-estab-lish it in the lucrative fleet market which now accounts for more than half of all new car sales, but where tradition-

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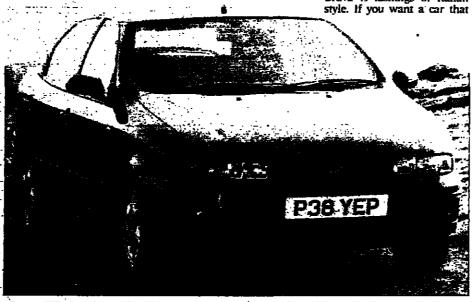
### ROAD TEST

The Brava and the Bravo have given Fiat a new impetus in the lower medium sector of the market, where they compete head on with best-sellers such as the Ford Escort and Vauxhall Astra. It is the most competitive sector of the European car market.

The Brava is surprisingly roomy inside and more comfortable than you might expect

in a car of such sleek shape More surprising, perhaps, is the noise level, significantly lower than in Fiat's previous generation of diesels, although not quite a match for the refinement of similar engines from the Peugeot/Citroen group, which must be considered the main rival on the Continent, where diesel sales have not suffered so much from concern over health risks

as they have in Britain. But what you get with the Brava is lashings of Italian



Brava TD: lashings of Italian style whether you look at it from the front or the back

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stands out from the crowd in the medium range, then it demands to be considered. The swept-down bonnet line, body-coloured bumpers and mirrors and slim headlamps give the 100 ELX a sharp, eager look from the front. while the three layers of rear lamps slotted into the corners make it equally distinctive from the rear.

The design is functional, too, with the large glass areas providing excellent all-round visibility.

Nor are the eye-catching looks confined to outside. The hooded instrument panel and prominent centre console GOOD NEWS which houses radio/cassette and heater controls both have that combination of elegance and function which is typical of Italian design. In a market where carmak-

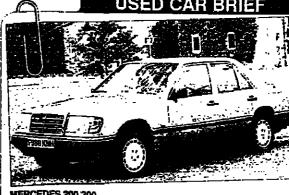
ers appear to be going to ever-greater extremes to add colour and shape to interiors, the simple mouldings and neatlyseem aimost understated compared to some rivals. It's certainly a lot easier on the eye for a long journey.

In performance, in 100bhp form the turbo-diesel offers acceleration to match that of many petrol-engined cars, getting from 0-62mph in 11 seconds and going on to a top speed of 112mph.

But it is in fuel consumption where the car really scores. with an out-of-town figure of more than 50mpg, giving a range of 600 miles-plus on a

four-door saloon with electric sunroof and anti-lock braking.

From the start, the British-built Primera gained a reputation for its quality and reliability, reflected in the confidence of Nissan's 60.000 mile/ three-year warranty. What drawbacks there are fall mainly into the niggle category. Interior trim is unimaginative, and while dials and switches are easy to reach and do the job, they do little to inspire. A strong feature is that the Primera holds its value better than other cars in its sector, good news when it comes to reselling.



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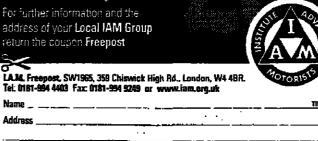
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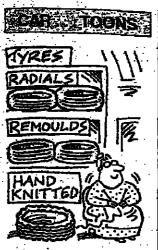
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# Drive with care, there's a nasty sneeze up ahead

sudden burst of sneezing can "blind" a driver for 100 yards to a warning issued by the AA at the start of the hay fever season. At 70mph a series of eight sneezes means the driver is unable to see the road for nearly half a mile.

The warning highlights the dangers of a host of other minor medical conditions which can cause accident rates to rocket. People who have recently had heart surgery or who have epilepsy are obvi-ously at risk while driving, but less attention is paid to more mundane illnesses which can also cause accidents.

Every year thousands of citizens who wouldn't dream of driving under the influence of drink or drugs, get into their cars feeling tired, stressed or below par. Yet it is estimated that 40 per cent of road accidents are caused by tiredness or stress. One study of motorway drivers showed fatigue to be a factor in 11 per cent of accidents, with about 4 coming on and something as

From hay fever

and wasps to claustrophobia, health can be an

instant risk for motorists, warns

Jenny Knight

per cent admitting they had "nodded off" The list of minor and major health problems which can affect driving skills is lengthy. A stiff neck or swollen knee can affect ability to react swiftly. Failure to take regular eye checks means countless motorists are driving with unsuitable spectacles, although they often only realise this after ploughing into badly-lit roadworks. Even a bout

of indigestion may be a warn-

ing that a heart attack, may be

been known to distract a driver enough to cause a crash. Mild phobias also increase

driving risks. Claustrophobia causes motorists to tense when using underpasses or long tunnels and the tension can persist for miles afterwards, leading to an increased likelibood of an accident. Drivers with a fear of creepy-crawlies panic if a bug gets into their car, especially when they believe it's a wasp.

Andrew Howard, the AA's

head of road safety, said: "The natural instinct is to get the insect out of the car, but by shooing them away or fiddling with the window controls, the driver is not concentrating on the road. A driver doing 70mph will travel 'blind' for more than 100 feet if he takes his eyes off the road for just one second."

Simple measures can protect drivers from the effects of minor illnesses, stress and phobias, once they realise the

check the car is insect-free before starting up.

Those driving with stiff necks or shoulders, sports injuries or damaged muscles should drive more cautiously and be aware that their slowcoach driving may irritate

other motorists. Stress can be dealt with by



making an effort to relax or by are frightened of wasps should listening to tapes, calming close windows and sunroof music or the radio. It is when the vehicle is parked and important not to fret over delays and other people's bad

> People sleeping badly, or parents of young babies rou-tinely suffering disturbed nights, should try not to drive, and long journeys should be broken with stops. Always get

during a break. Eat snacks. not heavy meals which foster sleepiness.

Dr James Bevan, the AA's medical consultant adds: "Get someone else to drive if you are having a bad hay fever day, keep a box of tissues near the dashboard. press hard above your upper lip when you feel a sneeze stop it - and slow down when

you are about to sneeze. Close windows to reduce pollengrains in the car, and vacuum mats and carpets to get rid of

all something upsetting happens like a row, learning your child is doing badly at school or being told you have a serious illness, try to get a taxi home or make a decision not to think about the problem until you get out of the driving scat."

# Bills that take your breath away

looking forward to summer gloating over their sweating "non-air" neighbours could have their smiles wiped off by unforeseen hefty bills. Most drivers make the expensive

mistake of turning their in-car air-conditioning units off as winter arrives and not using them again until the first warm days of spring. That is when the first expensive faults occur, because a unit that is not used is a break-down waiting to happen, with repair bills of £300 and above awaiting the unlucky motorist. On top of that, a damaged unit can mean higher fuel bills and a damaged engine.

rivers with air-conditioning

Kevin Constable, service manager with air-conditioning specialists Stuart James, says: "Most units are reliable, but their downfall is if they are not used all the time. They need to be on and have the oil circulating around them all the time, otherwise seals dry out and gases can escape. This is our busiest time of the year, when people turn them on and find they have a problem."

A straightforward service, in which the gas is just topped up, might cost £60-£100 - and for owners of older cars, the news is worse. They are likely to have units that use the environment-damaging R12 chloro-fluorocarbon gas (CFC). For these cars, bills of £250 are typical to convert to the more ozoneTurning your car's air-conditioning back on

can prove costly, says Vaughan Freeman

friendly R134A refrigerant gas. A recommending motorists book more serious problem, for instance to replace the system's condensor, a form of radiator, can cost from £350 on a Vauxhall Senator, rising to as much as £900 on a Lexus. says

In 1990, only a quarter of new cars came with air-conditioning. Today around half have it, and twothirds will be fitted with airconditioning as standard by 2000. The RAC is so concerned that it is their cars in for a regular airconditioning health check every few years, at £100 a unit for newer cars, and has launched a training programme to teach car mechanics the

ns and outs. Russell Wellings, managing director of Autoclimate. says: "To convert systems in older cars from R12 to R134A you have to remove the lubricating mineral oil from the system. Different manufacturers

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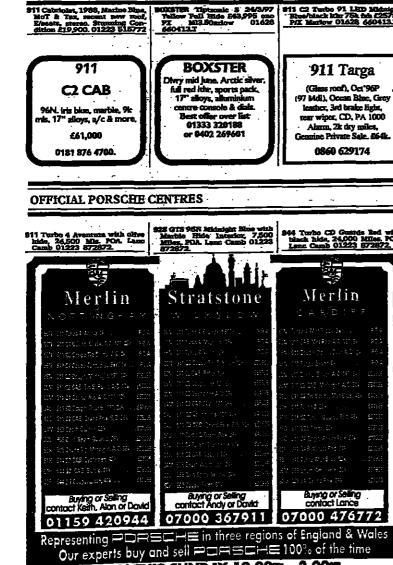
have different recommendations on how this should be done, but bills can vary from £150 up to £700. The units are usually very

reliable, well constructed and maintenance levels are low, but none of the car manufacturers has a maintenance schedule for their air-conditioning units, built into the service intervals. The unit could work perfectly well for three or four years, but if it does go wrong you could be landed with a big bill."

RAC chief engineer David Bizley says: "Despite a huge surge in airconditioning installations in Britain, the service and maintenance requirements remain a 'black hole'.

Without correct servicing and maintenance, the refrigerant coolant level in the air conditioning system can fall, causing the unit's compressor to draw more on the engine for power. This causes extra drain on the engine, resulting in premature wear, increased fuel consumption and higher vehicle emissions.

"Servicing in this area is a specialist job, not least because of the environmental, health and safety issues. Air-conditioning systems hold potentially hazardous waste in the form of HFCs - hydrofluorocarbons - gases that, while accept-ed by the Government as the good practice alternatives to CFCs. should not be released into the



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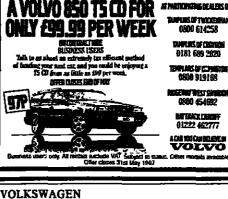
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11 your car, like mine, use car maintenance If your car, like mine, uses the imperishable Austin Morris "A" series engine there can ran be no better source of advice than Lester Stock, who was hard at work grinding in a set

friend. Catherine Tye, and I son arrived.

Be He patiently explained how He patiently explained how the engine worked, and as PC absolute beginners we were arawn in immediately. "We ALB must keep this sort of engine n alive and in front of the public so they can see what they have lost. If people realise this great loss, there will be a reaction."

of valves in the cylinder head

MI on the kitchen table when my

The "A" series cylinder head is not very heavy and can be carried easily. "You don't need much in the way of tools to do a top overhaul." Lester went on. "Just a small electric motor to true the valve seats. Not a messy job, so you can work in

the comfort and cleanliness of your home without damaging the furniture." He then sent us down to the A car to decoke the tops of the B piston — a simple scraping job using any blunt-edged tool

and wire brush. Catherine monitored the pieces while I got my nails dirty. Lester is an old-time expert and cars are his life. "I love them and I hate them." he told me when we met at his Battersea home, and immediately launched into a particular problem of car ownership for Londoners. "Less than one per cent possess a dry garage maintenance. The kerbside can be hazardous. What you need is a nice flat place where you can actually work around

"The majority of people come to car maintenance because they want to get control of their lives, partly because they are afraid ga-

the car.

rages are over-charging." The present situation is a disaster. Most London borJane Blunden visits the club where anyone

oughs have cut car mainte nance courses, and as a result people are becoming car phobic, angry with traffic and

even angrier with themselves. Because of the cuts. Lester has gone freelance and teaches would-be mechanics the basics at a community car club. A complete ethnic mix from top to bottom of society arrive with their vehicles, some dating from the Fifties. The type of work is enormously varied. Some people arrive expecting a magic wand or a genie to spring out of a lamp; the hard core stay on, learning how to deal with the main problems themselves under supervision. The group retires to the local café afterwards to swap

Lester's expertise began at the age of nine when he watched his father, an original member of the Royal Flying Corps, at work. "He could mend anything. I had a colossal admiration for him and I wanted to use my hands."

e foliowed the family tradition to train as a motor mechanic, but soon discovered that his heart lay in education. Some of his most enjoyable teaching has been helping boys considered disruptive or dim. The trouble has been to persuade teachers or parents that these young people who hate books are good at small repair jobs, and skills.

On modern cars, Lester was drawn into controversy: "We are getting the type of cars that people don't want. They are all right for travelling salespeople who mostly use motorways. but the vast majority of owners are not that sort." People want a car which is simple and easy to maintain and not expensive to run. "Take the Morris Oxford, for example,



Lester Stock tackles a cylinder head at the kitchen sink: "It's not a messy job, so you can work in the comfort and cleanliness of your home without damaging the furniture"



As a club member gets down to it. Lester shows Catherine Tye the finer points of maintenance: "We have a fantastic time, it brings people together and one learns to help the other"

now manufactured in India and renamed the Ambassador - that's the sort of car we should keep in this country." (Fortunately, an entrepreneur from Fulham is reimporting the modern Ambassador with its old-world charm, modernised engine and gearbox.) Most people, Lester told me.

buy a five to 10-year-old car.

run it into the ground and abandon it to the scrap heap. To avoid frustration and cost. he advocates joining a car club, and believes that maintenance is a community concern: "We have a fantastic time, it brings all sorts of people together. Friendships grow, one learns to help the

Lester obviously puts brakes at the top of his check list. Many new students are horrified to discover how close they. are to a lethal accident when their car appears to be singing like a bird because we can all be lulled into a faise sense of security in modern cars. The advantage of starting with the brakes is that you also look at

things connected to them: steering, suspension and tyres. This is an area where maintenance can literally save your

The next big item is bodywork. Once rust gets serious, you must do something about it, however difficult.Renewing the front pillars of an Austin-Allegro may be sheer torture as you gash your arms strug-gling with jagged edges and rusted bolts to remove and refit the doors, but is essential. And Lester's third top is simply a good regular service (plus a reminder to add anti-freeze before winter). You can also save money by working through your MoT list in

advance, as smaller items,

such as wiper blades and lights, you can fix yourself. And there can be of off-road bonuses from Lester's lessons. When my loo broke down the other day, I fixed it myself by applying some of the basics he'd taught me.

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# Journeys of Eastern delights on classic wheels

New men could claim to be as proud to be British as Nicholas Brimblecombe of The Grand Touring Club, a company that organises nolidays in East Anglia especially for fellow Anglophiles driving classic cars.

"I think we have a lot to be proud of in this part of the country," says the quintessential Englishman, who is hoping to attract visitors to the region with a combination of British countryside, roads.

food, architecture and cars. But it isn't British holiday-makers who are getting behind the wheel of the club's fine stable of cars; it's motorists from the Continent, predominantly Germany, who are taking breaks with a slice of English

This year more than three million German visitors are expected to holiday in Britain. According to the British

Tourist Association, they are the second biggest spenders (after Americans), spending £976 million on UK holidays last year. And with motoring Anglomania rife in Germany, where drivers are clamouring for traditional British machinery such as Jaguars and Aston Martins. The Grand Touring Club expects to be booked up this summer.

The company began four years ago, organising touring holidays abroad for classic car owners, but this year launched its tailor-made holidays in East Anglia with the added twist of providing the cars. The packages include visiting the region's stately houses and gardens from Consta-ble Country to North Norfolk, eating and drinking local delicacies, staying in character hotels and driving on some of Britain's quietest and prettiest roads in a range of classic cars.

The Germans are coming — and they want to drive great cars on holiday, says Helen Mound

"The Germans are most keen to get behind the wheel of the Jaguars," says Brimblecombe. "The most popular cars we offer are the Mark IIs and E-types. But we can arrange breaks in an Aston Martin Vantage. Rolls-Royce Corniche, even an MGA Roadster." As long as it's

British, Germans want to drive it. The cars are all in pristine condition, despite some being more than 25 years old. The smell of leather still bathes the interior, chrome features are polished to a perfect shine and metallic paintwork, although recent, remains true to tradition-

al Sixties and Seventies colours. There are some modern features, such as stereos, but they are reasonably subtle, and a Tracker security device, to help relocate the car if it's stolen, is out of sight. Only the clunk of the remote central locking seems a little out of place on a Sixties saloon, but the holiday motorists are more than happy with the occasional modern touch in the name of convenience.

owever, not all old British cars are a hit with the German holidaymakers. An HMC Mark IV, a convertible sports car that resembles the Austin Healey 3000, suffered some unkind words from a recent group. They called it 'the pig!" says Brimblecombe,

who was appalled. "They said, 'We call it the pig, you call it the pig too, no?" and I answered that we most certainly do not. They apologised and stopped after that!"

The Grand Touring Club's breaks are are about 100 miles ea ideal for German holidaymakers, a lot in a day.

The British experier ation, they spend an average of seven days in the UK and prefer country sightseeing and discovery or learning experience holidays — precisely what Brimblecombe is attempting to offer. He says the demand for treasure or antique hunts with questions on the region comes predomi-nantly from German visitors: "They like to go away having learnt something about the area they've visited."

The club has developed seven routes, each visiting the best spots in the region in a day, so it can accommodate a week-long booking if required. "Most people want a

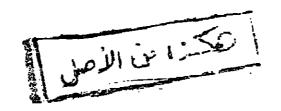
two- or three day visit, with a concert booking or a day at the races. And we want them to get out of the cars and experience the countryside, but the mutes are about 100 miles each, so they get to see

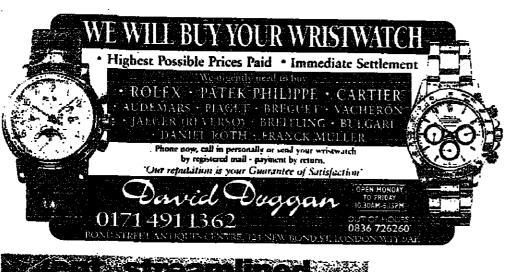
The British experience extends from the cars and countryside to the food. As well as packing hampers with local product such as Cromer crab, the club user only privately run hotels and restaurants that

favour foods from around the region.

The Grand Touring Club can tailormake an East Anglian tour for a weekend. midweek or full week break, and caters for bookings from couples to large groups. Prices start from £385 per person for three nights with a full itinerary set out in a driving handbook and, of course, the fully insured classic car.

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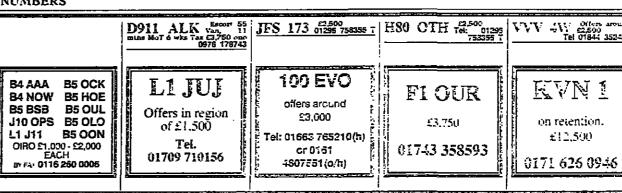
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# Britain's £20,000 pick-up girl Kelly Jayne Wells will be in the

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elly Jayne Wells isn't your usual woman in motorsport. She doesn't just race for fun pink again at Brands Hatch this and know a bit about race cars: motorsport is in her blood. She

weekend. Helen Mound reports

age of II weekends were for watching or competing in motor racing. Starting in junior mini-stock car racing, she competed for six years, up to her 17th birthday, and retired a champion with several trophies. During her teens she learnt to strip and rebuild the 1,275cc engine and weld the car's steel frame whenever repairs were needed. When she was 13, she recalls her father despairing of his daughter because he found her in the kitchen fixing her

engine in the sink. At 16 she spent her savings on a Formula Ford lesson at Brands Hatch, which convinced her it should be her next move. And two years later she invested in a single-seat race car and competed in Formula Ford for two years, but, like most women, she found it tough and unfriendly: "I was often knocked off the circuit by blokes who obviously felt I shouldn't be there."

So. aged 20, Kelly moved on to a friendlier - and infinitely more entertaining — form of racing, Legends. Powered by 1200cc motorbike engines and styled on Fifties American hot rods, this style of racing was more like the stock cars she was used to. She

"You have to get noticed." Kelly's pick-American "loud and

proud"

became the first British girl to race in Legends and took fifth place in the 1996

Championship.
Then, earlier this year, Barry Lee. the British Eurocar Champion, offered Kelly support in the new Pick-up Truck racing series. "It was just the recognition I needed," she says.

But the £20,000 pick-ups aren't cheap to run and, like every amateur driver. Kelly has hit financial problems. "I've spent every penny I have on racing and I've been unsuccessful in finding spon-sors." As the only girl in the series, she'd hoped to raise more interest.
"I'm doing well so far and if the car

holds out I can gain several places. But if there's any damage or a tyre goes I'll have to give up because I'm broke." Kelly's first trip out in the pick-up was at Brands Hatch when she took

eighth place out of 15 drivers. "It's a difficult race because the talent is spread out on the grid. The faster drivers often start off from the back."

The pick-up truck series is contested over 28 rounds at 14 race meetings, and the fifth race is this weekend at Brands Hatch. At each Eurocar race meeting the pick-ups have two races. The grid for race I is composed by lining up the drivers in the reverse order of points scored (highest scorers at the back). Race 2 is lined up the same way, with the drivers in the reverse finishing order of race 1. The result is a great spectator sport.

You just have to be very keen, because there isn't any prize money, adds Kelly. Instead, the winner gets an all-expenses paid trip to the 1998 Daytona 500 Nascar Race in America.



Kelly Jayne Wells: "You have to be very keen, became

# Taste of life on the skids

Alan Copps on

can build, tune and race a car and life wouldn't be worth living if she couldn't

race every weekend. Even her current

package, involving huge Vo and V8

saloon racers. The trucks are purpose-

built race cars rather than converted

pick-ups, powered by a 230bhp 2-litre

The UK hasn't seen pick-up racing for more than ten years since the Ford

Pl00 series died out in the mid-Eighties. But in the United States pick-

up racing has taken off in a big way. Sonny Howard, the man responsible

for building and designing the pick-ups, prefers the American practice of

making motor racing an entertaining

occasion. His Eurocar events are more

like a motorsport circus, with a fast

pace maintained throughout the day.

There's no time to fetch a hot dog, they

just keep racing all day," says one fan. And 21-year-old Kelly's bright pink

pick-up racer is in keeping with the American tradition for "loud and

proud" cars. "You've got to get no-

riced." laughs the petite blonde racer.

Kelly, from Tunbridge Wells, Kent,

started racing in her teens and from the

in-valve Vauxhall engine.

series, pick-up racing, is unusual. The new pick-up truck series was launched as part of the Eurocar race

more bidders to

become company driver of the year

ick Williams-Howes has held a pilot's licence since he was 17. rides a Honda CBR 600 motorbike for fun and drives around 20,000 business miles a year in his BMW 328. "If it's motorised. I'm interested in

So perhaps it's not surprising that he should have won the first of two Macclesfield heats of our annual contest to find Britain's best company car driver. Although he's had no formal driving training, Nick says: "I would defy motorbike and not come away a better driver. You have to read the road so much better than in a car. it's taught me to

drive defensively. Nick is product development manager for Equifax Europe, the business and consumer information firm that includes among its subsidiaries HPI Equifax, the essential service for used car buyers that traces the history of a vehicle and turns up any hidden finance or insurance

problems.

Both Nick and the other heat winner at Macclesfield. Stuart Lawrence of John German chartered surveyors, were impressed by the skid control section of the test. which faces entrants in The Times/Lease Plan Company Car Driver of the Year Competition. The exercise of stopping a car from 30mph on a slippery surface while avoiding an obstacle is one of the new features of this year's competition, and has caused



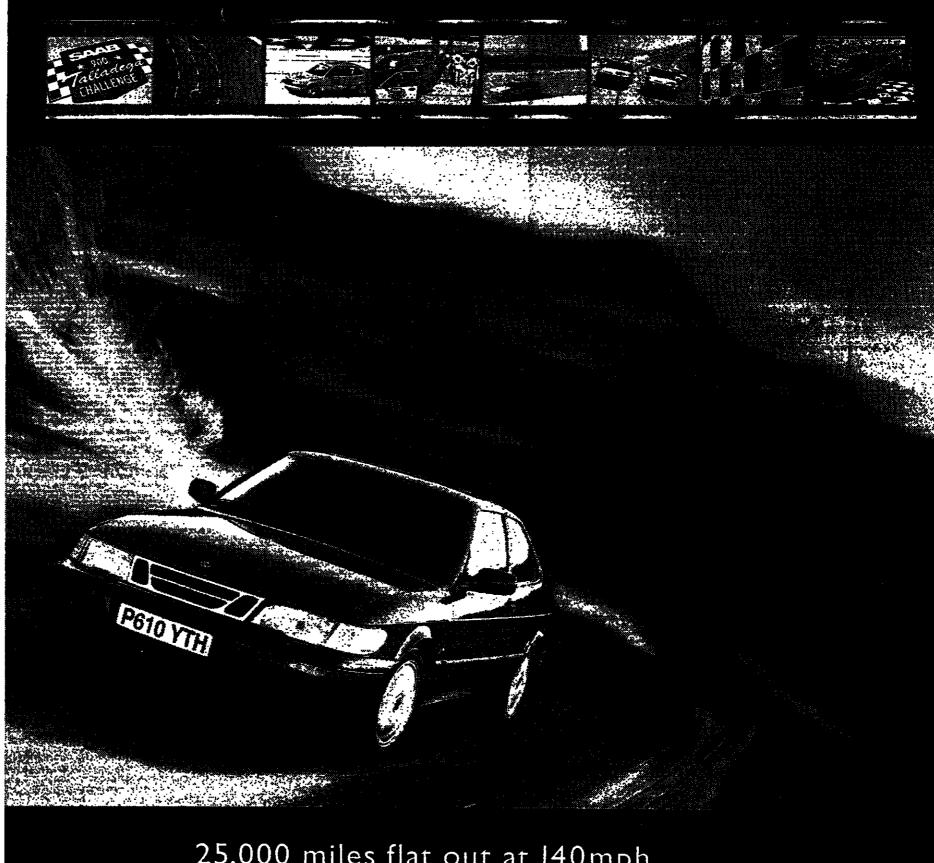


Williams-Howes: motorised

the most comment among

competitors so far. "The skid control test really opened my eyes about how car even at 30mph. It's the sort of thing you don't usually experience until it happens for real," said Stuart. Based in Shrewsbury, he beat two other surveyors. Paul Bosdet and team-mate Paul Malam, to

win the afternoon heat. Nick and Stuart join the winners of the first two heats, Averil Compton and Gail Summers, to go through to the final at the Silverstone Driving Centre on July 4. The prize for the eventual winner is an expenses-paid trip to the Portuguese Grand Prix.



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